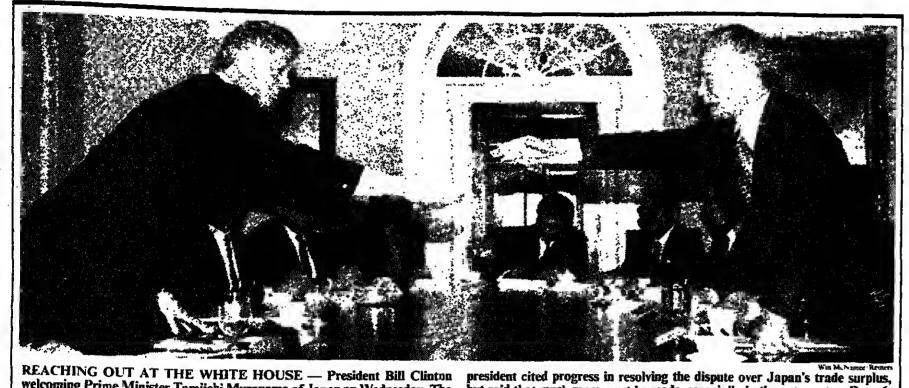
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Urging Talks, Chechen Leader Admits He Can't Win

By Steven Erlanger

New York Times Service GROZNY. Russia - The embattled Chechen leader, Dzhokar Dudayev, met reporters Wednesday for the first time in three weeks to urge rapid talks with the Russians on a peaceful end to the war, saying that "everything can be settled in an

As reinforced Russian troops press ever closer to his presidential palace in central

Grozny, Mr. Dudayev admitted for the first time that Chechnya could not win a war with Russia, and he did not exclude some kind of negotiated autonomy within the Russian Federation.

Nor did he insist that all Russian troops withdraw from Chechnya before talks begin, an earlier condition that Moscow could not accept.

President Boris N. Yeltsin assumed

control of the Russian general staff on Wednesday, Agence France-Presse reported from Moscow. If confirmed, the deci-sion would represent a severe curtailment of the powers of Defense Minister Pavel S.

[The speaker of the Russian upper house of Parliament, Vladimir Shumeiko, quoted by the Interfax news agency, said the government had decided to transfer command of the general staff to Mr. Yeltsin. A presi-

dential spokesman said only that the issue had been discussed.]

Russia has insisted that Chechnya is an inalienable part of Russia and must renounce independence, although it has offered to negotiate extensive autonomy, as other regions, such as Tatarstan, have won.

Although Moscow will be pleased by Mr. Dudayev's apparent concessions, the

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Its Prestige Taking a Dive, Russia Could Turn Inward

By Fred Hiatt

MOSCOW — Russia's bungled opera-tion in the breakaway region of Chechnya has drastically lowered the nation's international standing and could push Russia loward isolationism, analysts here said.

Vladimir Lukin, chairman of the foreign offairs committee of Parliament's Iower house and President Boris N. Yeltsin's former ambassador to the United States, said the nation's standing was "at its low-

Union Accepts Offer by NHL

The union representing the National Hockey League's players accepted Wednesday a contract offer made by the teams' owners, pending ratification by the approximately 700 players who have been locked out since Oct. 1.

The players are to vote on the sixyear agreement, which evolved from a compromise on free agency, hy secret hallot over the next two days.

The league's commissioner. Gary Bettman, said a shortened season, probably of 48 games instead of the normal 84, would start late next week, followed by four full playoff rounds. No practices or training camps will be held until final details and ratification are complete. Page 17.

est level" since 1982, at the end of the Russia has become weak and not respect-

Mr. Lukin, a moderate and a longtime critic of Mr. Yeltsin's foreign policy, said the Chechnya offensive has caused incalculable harm to Russia's reputation and its relations with its neighbors, with Europe, with the United States and with the Muslim world.

"There was a time when Russia was strong but not respected," Mr. Lukin said, referring to the Soviet period. "Then Russia became weaker but respected. Now

Some diplomats and others here say they believe that such an assessment is premature and perhaps too gloomy, and that Mr. Yeltsin may find a way out of the Chechen crisis without inflicting lasting damage to Russia's relations with the world. Many foreign leaders, including President Bill Clinton, have sought to keep relations on an even keel, without seeming callous to Chechen suffering.

Russians have been so consumed by the

had news pouring from Chechnya, 1,600 kilometers (1,000 miles) south of Moscow. that they have paid little attention to foreign reaction. The Yeltsin government has urged Western leaders to stay out of what it considers an internal affair, while its Russian critics have called with equal insistence for greater foreign involvement.

But if the military operation continues to bring humiliation to Moscow, perhaps hy sliding into a long guerrilla war, Mr.

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An Olympic Hurdle Raises a New Outcry

Group Seeks to Bar Nations Keeping Women From Games

New York Times Service

PARIS - Charging that there is growing discrimination against women in sports in a number of Muslim countries, Enropean women's groups have launched a campaign demanding that nations har-ring women from their delegations be excluded from participating in the Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta in 1996.

The groups say that sex discrimination is analogous to the racial discrimination that resulted in South Africa's being suspended from the Olympic Games from 1964 to 1992.

The Olympic Charter states that "any form of discrimination with regard to a country or a person on grounds of race, religion, politics, sex or otherwise is incompatible with belonging to the Olympic Movement."

The new protest movement, which calls itself Atlanta Plus, announced its campaign plans after a meeting at the French Senate on Tuesday night.

Organizers said they had already written to the president of the International Olympic Committee and to a number of wellknown athletes as well as to other personalities, including Newt Gingrich, speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, who is from Atlanta. In Paris, the minister of youth and sport and the minister of bealth said they supported the actions.

to mobilize sports federations and pressure the large corporations that act as official commercial sponsors for the Atlanta

"What's going on is not acceptable and we must alert the public," said Annie Surgier, a nuclear physicist in a French government agency and one of the move-ment's founders. "In Barcelona in 1992, people were celebrating the end of apart-heid and the return of South Africa to the games. But no one was saying anything about the 34 countries that bad no women athletes representing them."

Iran even refused to allow a woman, a

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Clinton Acts to Help A Mexico in Need

U.S. Interests Are at Stake, **President Says**

By Paul F. Horvitz

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton, seeking to calm international tremors spreading from Mexico's financial crisis, announced Wednesday that he was prepared to enlarge Washington's line of credit and declared that Mexican stability was in the "strategic interest" of the United

"I have instructed the Treasury, working closely with the Federal Reserve, to continue to take appropriate steps to help Mexico get through these short-term fi-nancial pressures," Mr. Clinton said.

The five-paragraph statement from the White House gave no indication of the dollar value of any further credit to Mexico beyond the \$9 hillion already committed by Washington the Treasury and the Federal Reserve.

will be enough to impress an investment community spooked by a significantly devalued peso and plummeting Mexican equity prices.

uity prices.
Mr. Clinton's statement helped stabilize the Mexican stock market, which managed

the situation. Because a firm decision on that next step has not been made, the ently limitless China market. Rents soared, statement from the White House was and wild optimism reigned. viewed as an effort to buy time.

can contribute to easing this crisis," the Treasury official said.

He characterized the situation in Mexi- Mexico. co as less serious than the 1982 deht crisis

hut also Asian economies that have simi- emerging markets everywhere quaked. larly relied upon huge inflows of foreign

investment.

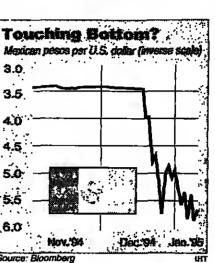
"You don't want this to spread all around the globe, obviously," he said.

At stake for the United States are a At stake for the United States are a stocks. Wednesday's close was the Hang stable implementation of the North Amer-Seng's lowest in 16 months, and well off pand free trade in Latin America, and, Jan. 4, 1993. perhaps most important of all, a sound

search of johs. Mr. Clinton said he had spoken with Mexico's president, Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León, and "conveyed our continued

support for Mexico."
In his statement, Mr. Clinton said that, "if appropriate," he was "prepared to au-

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All at Once, **New Worries** But it strongly suggested that the White House doubts that an \$18 hillion international rescue package already fashioned will be enough to impress an investment

HONG KONG - Cinema receipts are to recover 2.82 percent on Wednesday, after losing about 13 percent so far this week. The dollar edged down to 5.68 pesos from 5.85 pesos on Tuesday.

A Treasury Department official said that hroad discussions were under way the 112 company to define an acceptance of the state of the state

within the U.S. government to define an appropriate next step in an effort to calm and planeloads of foreign husiness people were arriving for an assault on the appar-

But now, confidence and conspicuous "There's a major review and discussion consumption have given way to equally going on to see how else the department excessive pessimism as Hong Kong finds itself on the end of events beyond its control, including a currency meltdown in

"You have to have white knuckles to that led to a wholesale restructuring of the huy right now," said John Quinn, chief investment officer at NatWest Investment But the official also said that a "crisis of Management Asia Ltd. of the gloom that confidence" among investors threatened deepened in the Hong Kong stock market not only other Latin American economies since Mexico's currency crashed and

The hlue-chip Hang Seng index lost 2 percent Wednesday to finish at 7,392.75, despite a "huy" recommendation by Morgan Stanley for Hong Kong and Mexican ican Free Trade Agreement, efforts to ex- the all-time high of 12,201.09 achieved on

The year and the 40 percent fall in stock Mexican economy that does not push the values in between have not given Hong poor to flee illegally to the United States in Kong much cheer on other fronts:

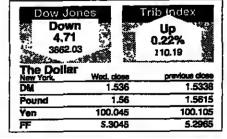
> • The Hong Kong dollar has lost ground in trading against the U.S. dollar in the past few days, raising concerns that speculators are at work and that local interest rates may be pushed up.

On Wednesday, a group of apartthorize the extension of the maturity of our ments for sale by the real estate company existing credit facility and to increase Cheung Kong Holdings Ltd. was underthose commitments to assist Mexico in subscribed, even though the average price was nearly 16 percent below the asking price in May.

 Foreign companies in China have made little progress in recovering some \$600 million in delayed payments by Chinese companies, the head of a leasing association told Bloomberg Business News on Wednesday. These dehts have raised con-cern over China's investments in recent weeks, which spilled over into Hong Kong. Concerns about the local property mar-ket, a feared trade war between the United

States and China, rising interest rates, looming difficulties in China and uncertainty about the future under Beijing's rule already had combined to dampen sentiment in Hong Kong. But with the impact of Mexico's bungled

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Tempest in a Test Tube As Italy Debates a Birth

ROME — The birth of a girl produced from an egg of a woman who died more than two years ago set off an ethical battle in Italy on Wednesday over the uses and

abuses of test-tube technology.

The reports of bahy Elisabetta grahbed front-page headlines, the story made more intriguing since the surrogate mother is the father's sister and thus the baby's aunt.

The birth prompted calls for legislation to limit the production of test-tube babies and revived the unease provoked after several postmenopausal women gave birth in Roman Catholic Italy.

"We have reached the point of producing human beings as if they were boxes," said Cardinal Ersilio Tonini The events that led to the birth began in 1992, when a married couple unable to

have children sought help from a fertility specialist at a Roman clinic.

Dr. Pasquale Bilotta fertilized the wornan's eggs with ber hushand's sperm in a test tube, but a first attempt to implant

them in her womh failed.

The woman, who was 26, died in a road accident at Christmas in 1992. Four remaining fertilized eggs stayed frozen in storage until the husband's sister agreed to act as a surrogate mother. The sister, named Elena;

Newsstand Prices who is 33, married and has a 6-year-old son, gave birth last week to baby Elisabetta, named after the dead woman.

The hirth has outraged influential sections of society in Italy. Aldo Isidori, a member of Italy's national commission on bioethics, told Italian television: "It is unacceptable that these fertilized eggs can be kept stored after the woman's death and then handed out like supermarket

items: one for the aunt, one for someone else and then throw one away." The Vatican's daily newspaper said the practice was "immoral." L'Osservatore Romano, which reflects the views of Pope John Paul II, said it was "monstrous to freeze embryos" as if they were "industrial prod-

ucts" and "objects to be used as and when judged necessary." (Reuters, AFP)

Kiosk Former Paris Aide Reported Indicted PARIS (AFP) — Former Industry Minister Gerard Longuet has been in-

dicted in connection with cases of illegal political party financing and corruption, the Europe 1 radio station reported Wednesday.

The examining magistrate, Mireille Fi-lippini, is investigating illegal financing of Mr. Longuet's Republican Party, a backer of Prime Minister Edouard Balladnr, and allegations that he paid well under the market price for a second home in a corrupt deal.

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NERVOUS IN MADRID - Brokers in the Spanish capital on Wednesday anxiously watching the markets as the peseta continued its slide before stabilizing at nearly record lows against the Deutsche mark. Page 11.

Spotlight on Republican Juggernaut Throws Missteps Into High Relief

By Kenneth J. Cooper

Washington Pour Service

WASHINGTON — Newt Gingrich, the most powerful legislator in the House of Representatives, said from the beginning that mistakes were going to be made and, when they occurred, they would be corrected. So for he has been right

ed. So far, he has been right. The nation's newspapers and television cameras

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have found nothing so fascinating as the Georgia Republican's march through Washington — and the unintended hrushfires he has set. The rapid pace of decisions and appearances that the speaker of the House set during the transition and opening days of

the 104th Congress have resulted in missteps on large policy issues, small administrative matters and his personal actions.

At times, it has appeared he has been leading his Republican troops on a zigzagging course, and recently he has begun in look like a man stretched thin. But if the spotlight amplifies mistakes, it also illuminates the image of government in motion.

"The House is moving like mad, and he's getting enormous amounts of press," said Barhara Sinclair, a political scientist at the University of California at Riverside. She added that the kind of scrutiny Mr. Gingrich was receiving "is beyond what he clearly expected or is prepared for."

"It's hard," Mr. Gingrich said Tuesday. "I've al-

ways been a backbencher and, shucks, people didn't even listen to my good stuff." Now, much like President Bill Clinton learned at

the beginning of his term, people watch every retreat. This week, Mr. Gingrich backed away from a Republi-can campaign promise to cut legal immigrants off welfare and dismissed his choice for House historian because of her comments on a Holocaust education

Dissent from moderate Republicans also postponed floor action on a constitutional amendment to mandate balanced federal hudgets, a campaign promise that Mr. Gingrich had said would be the House's first

Earlier, Mr. Gingrich - stung by criticism from even his own party -changed his mind about taking a

\$4.5 million advance on book royalties, and be also could not back up a statement he made about past drug use among White House staff members.

Mr. Gingrich even said he should have kept to himself an idea about giving the poor tax breaks to buy computers.

Still, many analysts have praised Mr. Gingrich for keeping House Republicans focused on their "Contract With America," reaching out to Democrats and giving the appearance of energy and action to a Congress known in recent years for gridlock. They also have given him credit for acknowledging mistakes and correcting them swiftly.
"On balance, you would have to say it's a terrifically

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The EU Parliament Lays Down the Law

It Vows to Reject the Nominees For Executive Unless Some Go

By Tom Buerkie

International Herald Tribune
BRUSSELS — The European Parliament delivered a stern challenge to Jacques Santer on Wednesday, threatening to veto him and his fellow nominees for the European Union's executive commission unless Mr. Santer made fundamental changes in

personnel and policy.
"I think it cannot be taken for granted that we are simply going to rubber-stamp the commission when it comes to the vote," said Klaus Hansch, the president of the Parliament.
This is a vote of confidence."

The warning turned an approval process that had been. expected to be routine into a potential crisis between EU in-

By law, Parliament gets only a single yes-or-oo vote on the full 20-person commission. Most EU officials had expected that the chamber would approve the candidates at a sessioo Wednesday in Strasbourg. France, rather than trigger a confrontation with the national governments that nominated them and create a void at the top of the Union's executive

agency by voting "oo."
But in a 90-minute meeting Wednesday with Mr. Santer, the designated successor to the commission president, Jacques Delors, leaders of the Parliament's party groups and Mr. Hänsch expressed their disappointment with the performance of several nominees during five days of hearings that ended Tuesday. They told Mr. Santer to make changes or risk

rejection.

The ball is now firmly in his court," said Tony Robinson, a spokesman for the Socialist group that dominates Parlia-ment. "We would expect movement.

The main demands were that Mr. Santer strip Padraig Flynn, the employment commissioner that Ireland has renominated. of responsibility for equal opportunity. Several womeo Gern members said they saw no com-mitment to equal opportunity mist.

in full control of the country.

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tensions on the Korean Penin-

sula appear to be improving, two senior U.S. intelligence of-

Lieutenant General James

Clapper Jr. of the Air Force.

director of the Defense Intelli-

gence Agency, said he saw room

for cautious optimism about

North Korca, even though it

continues to expand its already

Geoeral Clapper told the

large military forces.

from Mr. Flynn, who denied allegations at his hearing on Tuesday that he had once told Mary Robinson, Ireland's president, that she should have stayed at home with her chil-

Mr. Santer also was pressed to give assurances that the com-mission would adopt any amendments to proposed legislatioo that win majority backing in Parliameot, a power the chamber has long sought but has won in only limited areas under EU law.
Aides to Mr. Santer declined

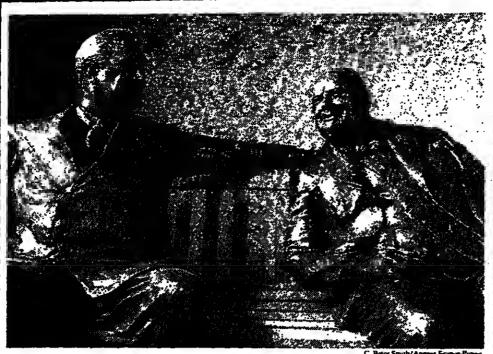
to comment Wednesday, but experience indicates he may well make some concessions. Against the advice of Mr. Delors, Mr. Santer agreed to hearings for his nominees after Parliament endorsed him hy a narrow plurality in a nonbind-

ing vote in July.
In addition to their demands, Parliament also delivered blunt rebukes to four nominees, indicating that their lack of knowledge or unwillingness to discuss greater power-sharing with Parliament would very likely have led to rejection if members had the power to vote oo individual candidates.

The most notable of the four was Yves-Thibault de Silguy, a top adviser to Prime Minister Edouard Balladur of France and the nominee to become economics commissioner. He was criticized for refusing to discuss whether Europe must reduce unemployment as a condition for modetary union.

Others included Ritt Bjerregaard, the Danish cominated to become environment commissioner; Anita Gradin, a Swedish diplomat nominated for immigration and home affairs; and Erkki Liikanen, a Finn nominee for budget commis-

In contrast, the bearings pro-duced strong support for Neil Kinnock, the former British opposition Labor Party leader; Monika Wulf-Mathies, the German union official, and Mario Mooti, the Italian econo-



ALLIES IN BRONZE - This tableau of Roosevelt and Churchill by Lawrence Holofcener is to be placed in London's New Bond Street to mark the victory in 1945.

EUROPEAN TOPICS

Swedes Ease Up on Liquor Trade

With Sweden's entry to the European Union, most of the state liquor monopoly has been dismantled. The change represents a small revolution in a country where the fight against alcohol has at times taken on the feel

of American-style Prohibition. Since 1917, Vin & Sprit, or V&S, has handled all imports, exports, fabrication and sales of wine and spirits in Sweden. The sight of long lines forming even early in the morning before the Systembolagen — the state retail outlets — was part of life.

The retail shops remain for now (though V&S buyers may not discriminate against products from other European countries), but other V&S operations are being dismantled. Few Swedes are shedding any tears; V&S is

resented for its inflexible ways and incoovenient bours. A worker outside a state shop on a receot morning complained, "Buying a bottle of schnapps to go with a smoked-herring dinner becomes a whole expedition." Over the years, tight Swedish controls have

led to a hurgeoning market in bootleg alcohol, said to represent 40 percent of total consumption. One study found that production of Hembranning, a sort of illicit bathtub gin, had quadrupled in the past 15 years.

Around Europe

Nearly a millennium after it first brought Jewish, Muslim and Christian language students together in a spirit of cooperation and tolerance, the Toledo School of Translators is staging a revival. Plans call for training and encouraging translators, largely through conferences and colloquiums; collecting and promoting their works, and eventually creating a network of Mediterranean translation cen-

ters. The school, backed primarily by the University of Castilla La Mancha, will draw inspiration from its past, reports the Spanish daily El País. The ceoter first flourished in the 12th century, under Archbishop Raimundo de Sauvetat, when most of its translations were from Arabic into Romance languages.

The world market for high-temperature geo-thermal energy has more than doubled in the past 10 years, and Europeans are now belatedly trying to tap into this promising source. Near the Alsatian town of Soultz-sous-Forets, French scientists have sunk an exploratory well 3,600 meters (12,000 feet) into the granite and are now drilling a second, Le Monde reports. Temperatures of 160 degrees centigrade (320 Fahrenheit) have been recorded. This is nearly hot enough to power a profitable electric plant, which would work by pumping cold water into fissures in the hot granite, then pumping up the heated water. If all goes well, a prototype power plant, quite likely with Italian, British and German support, will open by 2006 or 2007.

They came to look at the 1,000 violins and violas, to touch, to feel, to hold them up to their shoulders and mime a soulful bow stroke. A most unusual exhibition, held over the weekend in Paris, was sponsored hy local anti-racket police, who had found the instruments in the possession of a "feoce" working in the Saint-Ouen flea market. For years the man bad been purchasing the instruments, often from thieves or con artists, and selling them to huyers io Japan. Armed with their declarations of theft or photos of their beloved instruments, some 500 victims visited the exhibit. One 70-year-old musician was happily reunited with his 1659 Jacobus Steiner. Other people left with tears in their eyes; but only 40 with violins under their

Brian Knowlton

crippled economic system more A Bomb Alert for U.S. Airlines

Manila Issues Warning After Arrests Prior to Pope's Visit

By William Branigin

incriminating evidence."

following the arrests.

not confirmed any specific

threat, but that both the gov-

ernment and the airlines were

implementing "special security measures" as a precaution.

further details of the arrests or

identify the suspects. But Phil-

quoted police sources as saving

that at least one Pakistani was

bombs in an apartment less

four bombs with timing devices, several Bibles, a priest's habit

Mr. Ramos declined to give

society, which for decades un-der the leadership of Kim II Washington Post Service MANILA — As the Philip-Sung was one of the most closed in the world, Mr. Kim died last summer, and his son, Kim Jong pines prepares to receive Pope John Paul II on the first leg of a II, was expected to succeed him as the Communist nation's sufour-nation trip, the authorities preme leader. in this jittery capital confirmed R. James Woolsey, in his fion Wednesday that they had nal day as CIA director, told arrested at least two suspected foreign terrorists and had warned U.S. airlines of a possihle bombing attempt.

the Senate committee at the same hearing that although the younger Mr. Kim had not yet been granted all the titles his father held, including president, Senate Intelligence Committee be seemed to be in full cootrol. "We see nothing at this point "We see nothing at this point

eral opening of North Korean

Korean leadership was "coming" to suggest that there is a succesto the realization that they must sion struggle in North Korea," do something" to make their Mr. Woolsey said.

U.S. and Pakistan Set to Revive Forum for Military Discussions

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WASHINGTON — North open to the rest of the world. That may lead to a more gen-

Hopeful on Korea

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan -

Pakistan and the United States, moving to improve ties straiged by a dispute over Islamabad's nuclear program, are to revive a forum for bilateral military cooperation that has been dormant for more than four years, U.S. officials said bere Wednes-

day.
The development followed talks among Defense Secretary William J. Perry, Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto and Defense Minister Aftab Shahban Mir-

The two couotries have agreed to revive the Pakistan-U.S. Military Group to hold regular discussions on security matters, a U.S. spokesman said. issues as joint military training, agenda.

military education programs, peacekeeping roles and global security matters.

The forum was set up in 1984 at the peak of the war in neighboring Afghanistan, but was abandoned because of Pakistan's nuclear program.

In October 1990, President George Bush invoked the antiproliferation Pressler Amendment that forbids U.S. aid to countries suspected of pursuing a nuclear-bomh program. He cut off the nearly \$600 million io annual economic and military assistance to Pakistan.

Official sources said that without revoking the Pressler law, the United States wished to at least reduce some of the irri-The forum will deal with such tants on its post-Cold War and a large picture of the Pope. he described the goal of nirvana massacres of Serhs during There were conflicting re- as "a state of perfect indiffer- World War 11, these Serbs re-

who may have been involved in with God." the alleged plot. Police were quoted as saying Tuesday that they were seeking a Moroccan companion of the arrested man. The Philippine government generally sought to play down any threat to the Pope, appar-

ently out of coocern that security jitters could mar what should "A certain threat has been uncovered," President Fidel V. otherwise be a joyous occasion Ramos said at a news conferfor the country's Roman Catholic majority. ence on the eve of the Pope's "Everything is under coo-trol," said Vice President Joarrival here Thursday for a four-day visit. "A couple of people have been arrested with

seph Estrada. All Philippine security agencies have been He also said the Philippioes bad warned the United States that U.S. airliners overflying mobilized for the Pope's visit. he added. lo all, officials said, the gov-

the Asia-Pacific region may be ernmeot is deploying about the target of a bomhing attempt 20,000 security personnel, more 20,000 security personnel, more than were oo hand when Presi-Io Washington, the State De-partment said U.S. officials had dent Bill Clintoo visited in November.

Last week, the authorities deported eight Iranians who had arrived at the Manila airport with "spurious" passports and suspicious explanatioos for their visit, officials said.

The Pootiff's visit here is part of an 11-day trip that is also ippine news organizations scheduled to take him to Papua New Guinea, Australia and Sri The visit 10 Sri Lanks also

seized Friday while assembling has raised security concerns, in than 320 meters (1,000 feet) part because of a strong reacfrom the papal ounciature. tion by local Buddhists to perwhere the Pope will be staying during his visit. ceived criticism of the religion nring his visit.

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Newspapers reported that book. "Crossing the Threshold police who raided the apart- of Hope." ment had confiscated at least

In the book, John Paul II said that "Buddhism is in large mea-sure an 'atheistic' system," and Before leaving the Vatican on

Wednesday, the Pope sought to calm Buddhist anger by assuring the religion's followers of his "profound respect and sincere esteem."

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Croats Seek UN Exit in Disputed

By Roger Cohen
New York Times Service
ZAGREB, Croatia — President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia, exasperated by the continued Serbian occupation of large swaths of his country, has decided to end the mandate of United Nations forces in Cro-

Territory

atia on March 31, Western dip-lomats said Wednesday. The decision opens up the possibility of a renewed war between Serbs and Croats that could dwarf the Bosnian conflict in scale and violence.

Most of the approximately 15,000 United Nations troops in Croatia are deployed to form a buffer between the Croatian Army and the Serbs, who have held close to one-third of the country since the Croatian war of 1991 ended in a tenuous

Yasushi Akashi, the senior United Nations official in the former Yugoslavia, was in-formed Wednesday of the Croatian decision, which was described to him as an attempt to iotensity peace oegotiations rather than a decision by Croatia to go to war, United Na-tions officials said.

Diplomats said Mr. Tudiman had become convinced that the Serbs would never give up the Croatian territory they beld so long as UN troops shielded them and that the Croatian Army was now strong enough, if oecessary, to take the land by

"Tudiman now thinks he has an army that can do the joh," a Western diplomat said. "But our message to him has been that as soon as the United Nations leaves fighting would be-gin, Serbia could get drawn in, you could lose, and then don't count on Western support to get you out of trouble."

On a visit to China, the Croatian prime minister, Nikica Valentic, made it clear Wednes-day that the UN mission would have to end.

"What the United Natioos is doing in Croatia is to maintain the status quo, actually provid-ing aid to the Serbs through giving oil and food to them," he said, "Under snch circumstances we cannot agree to a renewal of the mandate,"

The Croatian Serbs, accounting for 12.2 percent of the prewar Croatian population, went to war with the extensive support of the Serbian-dominated Yugoslav Army after Croatia announced its unilateral secession from Yugoslavia in June ועעו.

Traumatized by Croatian of - joining an independent Croatia.

One diplomat said Mr. Tudjman would end the mandate on March 31 but give the United Nations until the end of June to withdraw its forces.

WORLD BRIEFS

Russians Bomb Afghan Border Area

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (Reuters) — Russian jets on Wednesday bombed a border village in the northern Afghan province of Badakhshan, killing 15 people and wounding more than 30, the official Kabul Radio said.

The broadcast, monitored in Islamabad, said the bombing also caused extensive damage. Badakhshan borders the Central Asian republic of Tajikistan, where Russia has deployed about 15,000 troops to help fight anti-government Islamic guerrillas suspected

of having bases in Afghanistan.

It was the fourth report by Kabul this month of bombings by Russian planes in Afghan border areas. At least 30 people were reported killed in previous air raids on Badakhshan and adjoining

Assault Trial Opens for 3 Neo-Nazis

POTSDAM, Germany (Reuters) — Three German extremists went on trial Wednesday charged with complicity in an attempt to kill a Nigerian nearly three years ago.

The neo-Nazi youths, aged 19 to 20, were accused of being part of a 15-member gang that attacked the Nigerian in a town near Berlin in May 1992, chanting: "Hang the Negro swine." The victim survived but suffered serious injuries.

The gang's ringleader was jailed in 1993 for six years for his part in the attack and four others were given prison terms of two to four years. More than 30 people have been killed in a surve in neo-

four years. More than 30 people have been killed in a surge in neo-Nazi violence that followed German unification in 1990. Many were foreigners but the victims also included Jews and the

Exiled Troops Stage Raid on Rwanda

KIGALI, Rwanda (Reuters) — Exiled members of Rwanda's former government army staged their first big cross-border attack from Zaire on Wednesday in what United Nations peacekeepers

feared could be the start of an insurgency.

The UN military spokesman here, Captain Stephane Grenier, said the group of about 50 Hutn troops was driven back into Zaire. said the group of about 50 Hutil troops was driven back into 2are after a two-hour hattle with government forces. The commander of the UN Assistance Mission in Rwanda, Major-General Guy Tousignant, said the attack could be the start of a "consolidated and well-planned insurgency campaign" by the exiled troops.

Government officials and commanders of the Tutsi-led Rwan-ia Patriotic Front, which drove the former government into exile last July after genocide and civil war swept the central African nation, declined to comment on Wednesday's incident.

Militants Kill 11 on Algerian Bus

TUNIS (Renters) - Suspected Muslim guerrillas, in a fresh escalation of violence, shot and killed 11 people on a bus in the cast Algerian town of Batna, the official Algerian press agency, APS, said Wednesday.

Six passengers were wounded in the attack Tnesday at Batna, a mountain town about 320 kilometers (200 miles) east of Algiers, the agency said, quoting a security force statement. The statement gave no further details.

The report came as Algeria's principal opposition groups outlined the first steps of a joint proposal to end the fighting. Abdenour Ali Yahya, spokesman for the groups gathered in Rome, said civil strife could end only after the army-backed overnment softened its security activities and allowed leaders of the outlawed Islamic Salvation Froot to meet.

U.S. Bolsters Forces to Move Cubans

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Pentagon is preparing to send 3,000 soldiers to Panama and the base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to bolster security forces in anticipation of moving thousands of Cuban refugees out of Panama, Pentagon officials said Wednes-

Panama has said it wants the refugee camps there closed by March 6, and U.S. officials expect to move most of the Cubans housed there to Guantánamo Bay well before that time. The bolstered security force is designed to quell any violence, a senior Pentagon official said. "It's an obvious step, and they are putting people at each site," he said. There are about 8,500 Cuban refugees in the Panama camps.

Hassan Rules Out Opposition Cabinet

RABAT, Morocco (Reuters) — King Hassan II has decided to name a new government made up of members of the parliamentary center-right majority, renouncing his earlier plans to name an oposition cabinet, an official statement said Wednesday. It gave no date for the appointments.

"King Hassan decided to abandon for the time being the constitution of an alternative government and to appoint instead a government represented by the present parliamentary majority," the official press agency WMA said, quoting a palace

The king had announced in October that he would appoint a prime minister from one of the four opposition parties. During the last four months, he has met repeatedly with opposition leaders as well as members of rightist parties. The opposition said the talks were inconclusive because they wanted guarantees for political reforms aimed at "establishing strong democratic institutions."

TRAVEL UPDATE

U.S. Relaxes Ban on ATR Aircraft

WASHINGTON (Combined Dispatches) - The U.S. government oo Wednesday eased its ban on ATR commuter aircraft

flying in icing conditions, saying the ban would now only apply to flights during freezing rain or freezing drizzle.

The original restriction was imposed on the French-Italian ATRs on Dec. 9 following the October crash of an ATR-72 in Indiana that killed 68 people. Icy conditions were believed to have contributed to the crash.

David Hinson, administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, said the new rules allow ATRs to fly in known or forecast icing conditions as long as pilots and operators follow new flight safety and training procedures. In icing conditions, water remains a liquid in the air, even at very cold temperatures, until it encounters a surface on which it can freeze. Airplanes often provide such a surface. He added that pilots of the widely used turboprop planes must receive classroom-style training on aircraft operations and weather procedures before they may fly the craft in icing conditions.

Japan Airlines Will Increase Flights

TOKYO (AFP) - Japan Airlines said Wednesday that it would increase the number of flights to Southeast Asia, Europe and Hawaii as well as expand its domestic service starting in April. Uoder its latest plans for Asia, the airline will launch a twiceweekly service between Nagoya and Manila in April and boost the number of weekly flights between Osaka and Hong Kong from 11 to 14 in November. JAL also said it was considering adding a third weekly flight between Osaka and Ho Chi Minh City but cutting from eight to seven its weekly Tokyo-Seoul flights.

The airline plans to add a sixth and seventh weekly flight on the Tokyo-Amsterdam route, a fourth flight on the Tokyo-Milan-Rome route and, starting in November, a fifth on the Osaka-London route. It also plans to boost from five to seven the oumber of weekly flights to Honolulu from both Fukuoka and Sapporo.

And it said it would increase the number of domestic flights, including new routes from Kansai to both Kagoshima and Oita.

Heavy saow disrupted rail and airline services in Austria on Wednesday, with many roads in the western Tyrol and Vorariberg regions closed to traffic. Officials said flights out of the Vienna. Schwechat airport were delayed and train connections, nations and international, were being held up by several hours. (AFP)

In the Davos area of Switzerland, snowfalls caused traffic chaos and closed rail lines Wednesday as the authorities warned of the risk of avalanches above 1,200 meters (3,960 feet), well below the level of most ski slopes.

One of the two original copies of Abraham Lincoln's "Gettyshurg Address" held by the Library of Congress is going on display, this year for the first time in 23 years — but only on Eriday. Saturday and Monday.

New York City enacted legislation banning smoking in virtually all public places, including outdoor sports stadiums and most restaurants hut oot bar areas. It also restricts smoking in work-places. Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani signed the bill.

Kingship Beats Love,

Charles Is Said to Rule

LONDON - is it better to be married to the love of your life - or be king? Prioce Charles says king, according to the Sun, a London tabloid. The Sun said Wednesday that the prince told friends he had

no plans to marry Camilla Parker Bowles, widely believed to be his mistress, after she divorces.

Lawyers for Mrs. Parker Bowles, 47, and her husband, Brigadier Andrew Parker Bowles, 55, announced Tuesday that the couple have begun divorce proceedings to end their

21-year-old marriage this month. The Sun said aides and members of Queeo Elizabeth II's Privy Council of advisers had warned the 46-year-old heir to the throne, who is separated from Princess Diana and is expected to divorce eventually, against planning to marry Mrs. Parker Bowles. It said they feared more anti-monarchy backlash if he did.

The paper quoted what it described as a well-placed source as saying, "The prince does not believe there is any prospect of a marriage to Camilla. He fully understands that public opinion would be against him and his principal aim is to become king" on the death of his 68-year-old mother.

"Charles and Camilla will continue to be great friends and to see each other privately," the Sun quoted the source as

saying.

A poil this week in The Guardian showed that a growing oumber of Britons think the country would be better off without the monarchy - 27 percent against 20 percent in 1992. It showed that 51 percent thought Charles and his scandal-ridden love life had done more damage to the monarchy than any other royal.

and Mr. Goldman did oot stem from an argument involved the use of a knife rather than fists and were apparently "committed by stealth,"

mentioo to the jury of domestic vio-lence evidence would be unwarranted, Mr. Ueimen contended.

based on these factors, the label we would put on it is that it bears all of the earmarks of a drug-related homicide. he said. There has been no evidence disclosed that drugs were involved in the killings.

Simpson Threatened to Behead Wife's Lovers, Actor Alleged Eddie Reynoza, an actor on the set opoint to a motive and the flammatory that the jury was sequested for prosecutors a conversation with the flammatory that the jury was sequested before it started. "Naked Gun 2½" was released in the flammatory that the jury was sequested before it started. In his opening statements, a defense

LOS ANGELES - O. J. Simpson threatened to cut off the heads of any

of his wife's lovers whom he caught driving his cars, an actor who worked with Mr. Simpson claimed in court papers released Wednesday that graphically described a history of abusive behavior. The statement is the most dramatic yet in the case, suggesting a motive for the killings of Nicole Brown Simpson

and her friend Ronald L. Goldman,

who was allowed to drive Mrs. Simp-

son's Ferrari.

Mr. Simpson in which the former foot- 1991. hall superstar became agitated and hostile when talking about who could drive his luxury cars.

Mr. Reynoza quoted Mr. Simpson as saying that if he ever caught any of his wife's boyfriends driving his cars, he would "cut their [expletive] heads off!" according to the court papers.

The papers were filed in an effort to

introduce evidence of domestic vio-

The prosecution documents also in-

friends about abuse by Mr. Simpson. The documents were held under seal would bias the jury. notil domestic violence hearing Wednesday, which the defense re-quested in an attempt to keep all do-dents of domestic abuse by Mr. Simpmestic violence evidence from jurors at son against his wife, including his Mr. Simpson's trial. Mr. Simpson's trial.

In his opening statements, a defense attorney, Gerald Uehmen, argued that

the June 12 double murder had all the cluded entries from Mrs. Simpson's hallmarks of drug-related killings and journal and comments from her that evidence of domestic violence in Mr. Simpson's past was irrelevant and

Mr. Uelmen urged the judge oot to The session was considered so in-spousal abuse.

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California Awaits Aid And More **Downpours**

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Swolleo rivers in Northern California were beginning to ebb, helped by a brief respite in the storms. But more rain was in the forecast for both parts of the state, with the heaviest downpours expected in the

At least six people bave died along the West Coast, including a 12-year-old boy who drowned while trying to cross a creek and a homeless man swept away by a raging river.

Across the state, stranded residents stood atop their cars and homes, waving desperately to rescue crews arriving by boat, truck and helicopter. Nearly 2,000 were evacuated. most of them in Northern Cali-

fornia. About 200,000 people lost power. Dozens of major roads. including sections of the Pacific Coast Highway and U.S. 101, were closed by high water and

President Bill Clinton has de-Itelared 24 counties disaster areas, making individuals and businesses eligible for federal

Water and mud filled hundreds of homes after the brunt of the storm moved from the northern end of the state to the

Wednesday in the Los Angeles suburb of the City of Industry, opening a sinkhole that swaldriver escaped with minor injuries, authorities said.

community of Guerneville after the Russian River crested at 17 feet (5 meters) above flood

San Francisco officials closed parts of Golden Gate Park, fearing that uprooted trees would fall oo visitors. Two of San Francisco International Airport's four runways re-mained closed because of high winds, and the Federal Aviation Administration slowed traffic west of the Mississippi.

Despite heavy flooding in the wine country north of San Francisco, growers said that the vines would survive relatively unscathed and that the 1995 harvest was unlikely to he

harmed. "It's preity hard to hurt vines in the dead of winter like this." said Steve Spadarotto, general manager of the Clos Pegase winery in the Napa Valley.



south on Tuesday.

A sewer line collapsed A Malibu resident, near Los Angeles, fording Pacific Coast Highway on Wednesday.

lowed a car. Neighbors lowered a ladder into the hole and the driver escand with minor into. A Super State Department'

By John M. Goshko

White House is considering a widespread reorganization of the government's foreign-policy machinery that could have the State Department absorb the independent agencies responsi-ble for arms control, foreign aid and overseas information and formation Agency. cultural activities, according to senior officials.

Warren M. Christopber and Vice President Al Gore, who heads the Clinton administration's "Reinventing Government" program.

Mr. Christopher, the officials said, proposed studying the (AP, Reuters) idea in an effort to determine

performed by the Agency for International Development, the The proposal was discussed at a White House meeting on The officials said the idea, Jan. 5. The sources said it en-

their policy guidance from the into the State Department.

TRENTON, New Jersey -

A new law in this state aimed at

notifying communities about

the presence of sex offenders

led two-vigilantes to the home

of a child molester, where they

beat up the wrong man, accord-

ing to the police.

The attack by a father and son was the first case of vigilan-

te violence linked to the New

Jersey law, known as "Megan's

" the authorities said.

If the idea were carried out, the State Department would take over the functions now performed by the Appears of the state Department would take over the functions now performed by the Appears of the state Department and the changed nature of foreign-policy problems. studying whether consolidation

> State Department sources. rejecting charges by some offi-cials of the other agencies that the plan represents a "power

argued that many activities of the specialized agencies were designed for the time when the United States was combating the Soviet Union's efforts to extend the reach of communism good start," said Norman Ornand were no longer applicable stein, a coogressional scholar at

Republican of Kentucky and chairman of the appropriations kind that throw you out of the

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Gingrich & Friends Surf the '3d Wave'

By Maureen Dowd New York Times Service
WASHINGTON - All

kings have their courts. When Bill Clinton came 10 power, the capital glittered with the opinions of his Hollywood crowd. There was Barbra Streisand talking about Thomas Jefferson; there was Harry Thomason talking about the White House travel office; there was Cristophe talking about cutting

and shaping.
But now Representative Newt Gingrich, Republican of Georgia, owns the fickle political spotlight, and his courtiers are quite different, with their own ideas about cutting and shaping. Washington rings with the opinions of futurists and spiritualists, self-improvement expens and cyberspace cartographers -all billing themselves as friends, advisers and even

gurus" to the new speaker. Here is Alvin Toffer talking about the third wave, Arianna Huffington talking about the fourth instinct, and Mr. Ging-

rich offering his five "news," his new proposals for change. Here is Heidi Toffler, Mr. Toffler's wife and co-author, sparring with Mrs. Huffington about second- and third-wave diversity values. Here is a new conservative-futurist vocabu-lary about "byte cities," "brain lords" and "cyberpolitics."

At a conference on Tuesday, Mr. Gingrich's friends spoke about virtual economy, virtual government and virtual America. These allies serve as a window io to the culture of the new coogressional leadership, reflecting Newtonian notions far more quirky than the tax- and hudget-cutting talk that led to Mr. Giogrieh's election as speaker of the House.

Mr. Gingrich himself delivered a talk titled "From Virtuality to Reality." His applytes in

ity to Reality." His acolytes in the Mayflower Hotel ballroom listened raptly, unperturbed by a speech that roamed, in verbally complicated ways, from 18thcentury English statesmen to downloading from cybernetic

"In a sense, virtuality at the mental level is something I think you'd find in most leadership over historical periods," the new speaker declared. "But in addition, the thing I want to talk about today, and that I find fascinating, is that we are not at a new place. It is just becoming harder and harder and harder to avoid the place we are."

Conceding that his recent suggestion of a tax credit for laptop computers for poor children was perhaps "a dumh idea," Mr. Gingrich said that he was trying to follow the advice of his wife, Marianne, to "go slow and be responsible."

But even as he warned himself to go slow, Mr. Gingrich could not resist spinning more grandiose plans for remaking American civilization.

First he explained that

eval agrarian society to the rise of the commercial and ultimated in the land of the commercial and ultimated in manufacturing society and out of that came waves of change that were very traumatic in the land of the land change that were very traumatic and very profound, that the transition from the industrial era into the information age is

nership and a new team.

The speaker has been friends
with Alvio and Heidi Toffier,
who collaborated on books like

the most profound questions about relationships. Later, he explained: "We are

very similar in forcing us to ask

"where we are right now is not 1933, it's the 1770s to 1800, that just as the English-speaking world went through the transition from the end of the medical ageration society to the rise.

The speaker has been friends "Future Shock" and "The Third Wave," since the early 1970s, when he was an assistant

Although the Tofflers con-cede that some of Mr. Gingrich's conservative positions on abortion and school prayer, for instance — are far from their more liberal political taste. they hail their friend as "a third-wave leader."

Mr. Toffler uses the wave metaphor to explain the progression of history from an agricultural society to an industrial professor at West Georgia State society to what he says is the at 1760, not at 1789. We are College. He has asked the incipient third wave, an inforbeginning to invent the Ameri-

A \$2.5 Million Shot in the Arm

WASHINGTON - In the final weeks before the November midterm elections, Republicans received the largest political donation in recent American history, \$2.5 million from the Amway Corp., a contribution that helped the Republicans outraise Democrats by nearly 4 to 1 in "soft money," according to a study by Common Cause, a citizens lobby-

ing group.

Haley Barbour, chairman of the Republican National Committee, said in an interview Tuesday that the huge contribution he solicited from Amway's founders, Richard M. De-Vos Sr. and Jay Van Andel, paid for building the party's new television center and under-

wrote its first year of operation. The donation was the largest portion of S16.3 million in soft money raised by the Republican National Committee and its House and Senate fund-raising committees in October and November. The Democratic National Committee and its two coogressional counterparts raised \$4.2 million during the same period.

The term "soft money" refers to funds raised from corporations and labor unions that cannot donate directly to federal candidates and unlimited donations from individuals. The funds can go to state and local candidates or administrative expenses and party-building activities. (WP) party-building activities.

Luncheon Reporters Cry Foul

WASHINGTON - What was meant to be a friendly White House luncheon between Hillary Rodham Clinton and 11 women writers turned into a journalistic brouhaha after The New York Times published several comments that other participants say were off the

"It was clear, 100 percent off the record," said the New York Post gossip columnist, Cindy Adams, one of the guests. "I was furious." Four other columnists agreed that The Times published off-the-record remarks.

But Andrew Rosenthal, the Times' Washington editor, said that The Times reporter at the luncheon, Marian Burros, had clearly followed the rules and even called back the White House to check whether a particular quote could be used under the ground rules. "She kept a very careful account of what was on the record," Mr. Rosenthal said. "These quotes were on the record, which is why we put them in the newspaper."
The Times' story, which was published in

the International Herald Tribune on Wednesday, began: "Saying that she is eager to present herself in a more likable way.

Hillary Rodham Clinton feels she has been 'naive and dumb' about national politics and is to blame for the failure of the health care overhaul plan last year.

Lisa Caputo, the First Lady's spokesman. said: "There appears to have been a misun-derstanding with Marian Burros about what was on and off the record, and I didn't have that misunderstanding with respect to the other reporters who attended the lunch. That pretty much speaks for itself."

Reagan Official's Mea Cuipa

WASHINGTON - Samuel R. Pierce Jr., former secretary of housing and urban devel-opment, aomitted Wednesday that his con-duct contributed to the federal housing scandal of the 1980s, but the former Reagan administration official avoided criminal prosecution.

In a deal capping the government's investigation, federal prosecutors released a state-ment in which Mr. Pierce said his meetings with personal friends who were lobbying for federal housing funds "sent signals to my staff that such persons should receive assis-

These meetings and conversations, and my following discussions with staff members. created the appearance that I endorsed my frieods' efforts," Mr. Pierce said in the statement, dated Dec. 15.

His statement ends a criminal investigation by the independent counsel Arlin Adams that resulted in 16 criminal convictions of former gh-ranking officials and business executives. The inquiry has brought \$2 million in criminal lines. Mr. Adams said Mr. Pierce's poor health was a factor in forgoing an indictment and trial.

Treasury Nominee Gets Nod

WASHINGTON - The Senate has unanimously approved the nomination of Robert Rubin as secretary of the Treasury. He replaces Lloyd Bentsen.

Quote/Unquote

Christina Jeffrey, who was dismissed as House historian by the speaker. Newt Gingrich, for writing in 1986 that a Holocaust curriculum lacked Nazi and Ku Klux Klan viewpoints, on Mr. Gingrich's late-night phone call to her to tell her she was fired: "He was very kind. He said that from his experience, we wouldn't be able to get on top of this. The press and the vicious, malicious, mean-spirited partisan people who were out to get him would just keep stirring this up and stirring it up and stirring it up."

Away From Politics

 Two of five convicted killers who tunneled their way to freedom from a South Florida prison were captured by the police in a suburban Miami neighborhood, and one of the men was shot and killed in a battle with officers. The other three convicts were still at large.

More than half of the first 50 potential jurors in the New York trial of an Egyptian cleric, Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, and his followers accused of plotting to bomb landmarks in Manhattan have been dismissed because they could not serve the full length of the trial or because of views expressed in questionnaires they were asked to complete.

• The maker of the Today Sponge, an over-the-counter contraceptive for women, is discontinuing the product because it cannot meet stringent new government safety rules. (AP) A major defense contractor, Lucas Western Inc., has paid an

\$18.5 million fine after admitting in court in Los Angeles that it falsified inspection records for parts it sold to the Peotagon, including gearboxes for the navy's FA-18 fighter jet. (AP) • A moose that had been taunted and harassed for hours by

students as it and its calf roamed the University of Alaska campus in Anchorage, panicked and trampled a 71-year-old man to death before it was finally herded off campus and back to the woods.

 A United Airlines DC-10 bound for Chicago made an emergency landing in Las Vegas after the pilot reported smoke in the cabin and passengers complained of headaches and burning sensations. A spokesman said a faulty auxiliary power unit was responsible for the smoke and fumes.

In Northern California, National Guard helicopters pulled residents out of the isolated whether such a consolidation secretary of state but have legalwould make foreign policy ly separate identities. The offi-Washington Past Service WASHINGTON — The

Arms Control and Disarma-

which could lead to what some countered fierce opposition call "a super State Depart-ment," emanated from recent velopment and arms control talks between Secretary of State agencies. The information agency, while less vebement, the sources said, took the position that public diplomacy could best be carried out by an independent agency focusing on cultural and information activi-

> The result, the sources continued, was a decision to bave Mr. Gore's National Performance Review staff study the pros and cons of Mr. Christopber's proposal and make a recommendation in two weeks about any such consolidation. Senior officials of the agencies involved met at the White House again late Tuesday to present their arguments about what should be done.

grab" by Mr. Christopher, said his aim was to eliminate duplication and overlap by competing foreign-policy bureaucra-Even more important, these sources said, Mr. Christopher

to U.S. interests. Senator Mitch McConnell,

subcommittee that oversees foreign aid, has announced that he They are regular bumps in the believes the Agency for International Development, the U.S. Information Agency and the cratic campaign consultant who All three agencies now take Peace Corps should be merged has advised Mr. Clinton, fo-

GINGRICH: Spotlight on Speaker's Juggernaut Throws Missteps in Relief

Continued from Page 1

the American Enterprise Institute, a Washington research group. The bumps have been there and visible, but not the seat or ruin your alignment. road."

James Carville, the Democused on the Republican re-

Megan's Law is named after

7-year-old Megan Kanka, who

was raped and killed in July. A

neighbor with a record of sexual

assaults on children was

week, a federal judge blocked

officials in a New Jersey county

The law has been challenged

On the surface, Mr. Gingrieh's changes of course might be compared to Mr. Clinton's frequent shifts on policy questions — public-opinion polls show both have disapproval ratings equal to or greater than approval. But the analysts said that Mr. Gingricb's political identity as an ideological conservative was fixed, while Mr.

planned to live.

Civil libertarians who had

opposed the law said they were

surprised by the attack.

Union of New Jersey, said,

"This is exactly the concern

that we had when the law was

being considered for passage,

that it would be used to enable

vigilantism rather than for any legitimate community interest."

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the Reagan comparison is much clearer. Reagan took some hits from conservatives for the tactical adjustments he made" on the size of the 1981 tax cut.

Mr. Pitney's co-author, William F. Connelly Jr., a political scientist at Washington and Lee University in Virginia, said that, based on early soundings from conservative radio talkshow bosts, Mr. Gingrich could suffer from too much compro-

mising. Mr. Pitney said a Republican retreat on requiring a threefifths' vote to raise taxes - the 25, who moved into his aunt's Both suspects were being from notifying the community bouse in Phillipsburg after serving four years of a 10-year sence that the burglary, harass-leased from prison Jan. 1, sticking point for many lawmakers on whether to approve a balanced-budget constitutional amendment - could land Mr. Gingrich in trouble with conservative loyalists.

"That could get him into ter-Marsha Wenk, legal director of the American Civil Liberties tween tactical adjustments and a change in position," Mr. Pitoey said.

The new speaker has tried to deflect intense media scrutioy from Republican miscues. At a news conference on Monday. when reporters for Spanish-lan-

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Cuts at the Pentagon, Too

As Washington peers into the abyss of deep cuts in domestic programs favored by the Republicans, the Defense Department has somehow become untouchable, taking a place alongside Social Security and Medicare in the pantheon of sacrosance federal enterprises. How the Pentagon achieved that protected status at a time of diminishing military threats to the United States says more about the weakness of politicians than the weakened state of American defenses. It is both bad budget policy and bad defense policy.

Purely as a budget issue, inoculating the Pentagon against spending cuts places an unbearable burden on domestic programs to absorb the savings necessary to balance the budget or even move toward signifi-cant deficit reduction.

The Defense Department budget this year is \$252 billion. If Social Security, Medicare and defense are exempted from cuts, at least 30 percent of every remaining program would have to be trimmed under the House Republicans' plan to balance the budget by 2002. Both parties deny the obvious: whatever else they do to balance the budget and pay for tax cuts, they surely must go after defense spending.

If Washington were still locked in an uneasy military standoff with the Soviet Union, there might be a strong case for nntional sacrifice. But three years after the Soviet Union disintegrated, the Pentagon is running to a large extent on Cold War inertia, with the military services inflating defense strategies and budget requests to justify an unnecessary and unsustainable level of defense.

There is an inexorable but hollow logic to this process. The Pentagon devised a theoretical military mission, which calls for fighting and winning two wars simultaneously, that political leaders may doubt but are reluctant to challenge. The Pentagon then seeks a budget to match, and

argues that cuts would endanger the country. Congress has made some reductions in recent years, but the rate of decline was slowed by the Pentagon's arguments.

President Bill Clinton had been stampeded hy Pentagon advocates brandishing this logic when he decided late last year to seek a \$25 billion increase in military spending over the next six years. Republicans would push the increase to \$60 billion, claiming that previous Clinton administration reductions in defense spending leave the United States unprepared to fight two wars at once.

At least John Kasich, the new Republican chairman of the House Budget Committee, says the Pentagon budget should be closely reviewed. A realistic assessment of threats, including the possibility of fu-ture conflicts like the Gulf War, and even the distant danger of a militarily resurgent Russia, would allow consideration of cuts in the budget. Further reductions in manpower are possible. The fleet of aircraft carriers could safely be cut from 12 to 10.

Plans to resume production of the B-2 bomber should be shelved; there are more than enough strategic and fighter-bombers to deal with any likely threat. Other expensive weapons programs can be postponed, slowed or canceled. Reasonable estimates trim the Pentagon budget by \$25 to \$30 billion a year in coming years, without threatening national security.

Pentagon savings would not eliminate the pain of closing the budget gap, or make up for all the coming cuts in domestic programs, But they would help. Even with the Russian army disintegrating and struggling just to subdue a band of irregular forces in Chechnya, America is not free of threats. It needs a strong defense. It can afford one without fencing off the defense budget from the national debate that has been joined over government spending.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Carter and the Bosnians

Jimmy Carter, says his wife, Rosalynn arter, "never deviated" from insisting that the Bosnian Serbs agree to begin negotiations with the Muslims "based on the contact group plan." But who doubts it? The argument over the terms on which the former president brokered a cease-fire in the Bosnian war does not concern Mr. Carter's dedication or consistency, It concerns his judgment. Our contention in an editorial (IHT, Jan. 7) was that the ceasefire froze the military balance on lines favoring the principal aggressor, the Bosnian Serbs, and that it did so by cutting the link between a cease-fire and implementation of the peace plan offered by the American-Russian-British-French-German "contact group." Nothing has happened since to make us alter this view.

It is enough to consider what happened in the first phase of the Carter negotiation. Mr. Carter, according to a Washington Post report of Dec. 20, said the new talks must be held on the "basis" of a U.S.-brokered international peace plan, previously rejected by the Bosnian Serbs. The Serbs said they look this to mean

that the plan - which was presented in May on a take-it-or-leave-it basis - had been reopened for more negotiation on how to divide Bosnia among its Serb. Muslim and Croat communities. "Yes, it is open to negotiation, yes, the whole plan," a joyous Nikola Koljevic, vice president of the Serbs' self-proclaimed republic, declared after talks with Mr. Carter ended. "This is a victory for democracy, for us, for the Serbs."

The Muslim-led Bosnian government continued its efforts to resume political talks not "on the basis of the contact group proposal" - the evasive language the Serbs were using to escape the obligations of the contact group. The Muslims wanted talks to resume only after the Serbs had accepted that plan "as a starting point." But the Serbs resisted committing themselves to the more compelling language. Finally, the Muslims did not have the horses, on the ground or at the negotiating table, to use a cease-fire to enforce rather than obstruct the contact group plan. That is the sad place Bosnia is in now.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Two American Economies

Like matter and antimatter that coexist in the universe, two economies appear to exist side by side in the United States. One economy has generated stagnant earnings for the average American over the past 20 years, producing a frustration that turned against the party in power last November. The second economy is measured in buoyant statistics. Production has grown steadily for four years, unemployment has fallen to levels as low as any during the past 20 years, and consumer confidence has risen to record levels. Even beleaguered cities like Detroit and Chicago

bave achieved fiscal stability. There are two ways to explain how these mirror-image economies can coexist. One is that statistics do not always reflect common experience. Recent economic gains. although substantial on average, have been concentrated among high-income families and selected regions like the Southeast. The wages of most workers those with high school educations -- have languished or, after accounting for infla-tion, fallen in recent decades. City budgets (excluding New York's) are moving into surplus. But part of the reason is a decision to cut back desperately needed services. That cities have, in times of fiscal exigencies, turned their backs on inner-city schools is no cause for celebration.

High expectations are another factor that can produce frustration amid seeming plenty. The U.S. economy exploded after World War II. Productivity, the long-term basis for earnings, roared upward at two or three times its usual pace. Americans de-veloped the notion that the halcyon days of the 1950s and '60s would continue and

that their children could expect to live substantially richer lives than their parents did. A decade later, OPEC helped send the economy down, but back-toback recessions did not so easily shatter firmly entrenched expectations.

The sober lesson from historians is that the good fortune of the '50s and '60s was odd and unlikely to be repeated. But even as expectations eatch up with reality, frustration will not dissipate quickly. Important pockets of the country may not rebound soon. California is racked by defense cuts. Wall Street follows the roller coaster of stock and bond markets. Foreign competition threatens the jobs of white-collar managers through no fault of their own, a threat that had until now been mostly reserved for factory workers. Poverty is increasingly entrenched in urban ghettos, immune so far to public policy and, alarmingly, to the general health of the economy. Productivity grew at a 3 percent clip after World War II, but only by about I percent a year since 1973. That is the economy that causes frustration. The political consequence is sobering because there is no obvious remedy.

The Republican Party promises tax cuts and less regulation, which is almost surely unrelated to sweeping long-term forces in the economy. Bill Clinton had a deeper answer: to steer public and private spending toward productivity-enhancing investment in training and education. But his policies might not make a dent in living standards for a generation. The voters took out their anger on Mr. Clinton. By 1996 they may be looking for other targets.

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Government as a Leading Player in the Export Game

NEW YORK — There is a good reason and a bad reason to raise serious questions about the Clinton administration's zealous approach to making trade the center of its foreign policy. And the Republicans are contemplating saddling up the wrong horse.

U.S. taxpayers spend about \$150 million a year to promote the export of American goods and services to foreign countries, proving that free trade does not come cheap these days,
With Republicans and Democrats si-

multaneously arm wrestling and foot racing over federal budget cuts and tax reduc-tions of hundreds of billions of dollars. \$150 million sounds like a piddling line item. But this pocket change upsets some conservative Republicans, who question why government should spend anything at

all on the business of American business. They want to zero out the \$150 million being spent on federal trade missions and shows, on credit guarantees to exporters and subsidies for cheap loans to clients for American goods abroad.

To spend, or not to spend, on trade promotion is more than a question. It is also the cutting edge of a much bigger debate over the proper role of govern-ment during the power-sharing Clinton-Dole-Gingrich political cohabitation. The By Jim Hoagland

side that conducts the debate on the government's role in trade and the economy with the most authority and persuasive ness will gain a commanding head start for the 1996 electoral shootout.

For the Clinton administration, the trade promotion expenditures are not just a bargain (when measured against the jobs and higher wages that exports create) but a strategy for securing America's economic future. The end of the Cold War has led large developing countries to drop trade and investment barriers and pursue free market development, opening up what Undersecretary of Commerce Jeffrey E. Garten describes as history's greatest era of commercial competition.

"American companies feel their entire future depends on getting in on the huge infrastructure contracts in India, Brazil, China and elsewhere that will be signed throughout this decade." says Mr. Gar-ten. "The prize is enormous and the competition to get it can be very divisive" unless the world's main exporters reach agreement on "a framework to restrain unfair competition."

The Clinton administration has been readier to offer subsidized loans to close

contested deals than were its predecessors. Secretary Ron Brown has even established "a war room" at Commerce where interagency groups momitor and intervene in big foreign deals being sought by U.S. firms. Mr. Garten says the government "lent a hand in some \$46 billion worth of deals" abroad that helped create or save 300,000 U.S. jobs in 1994.

Mr. Garten expressed these views in a speech here the other day to the Council on Foreign Relations. To underline the growing importance of export growth to the U.S. economy, he was candid in say-ing that the United States is locked into very large trade deficits for a long time to come" as imports continue to rise. If growth slows at bome this year and next. pushing American exports upward is the

only way for the economy to keep pace.
Thirty months ago Mr. Garten published a seminal book entitled "A Cold Peace" that predicted that the United States would enter into pitched and alliance-damaging commercial competition with Japan and America's European allies now that the Cold War is over. He says he takes no comfort from having to implement strategies that could help make his warning become fact.

He makes a persuasive pitch that Bill Clinton has authorized greater govern-

ment involvement and subsidies for trade. to force the Europeans and the Japanese into serious negonations on curtailing or ending these practices globally. But since those tactics result in increased U.S. market share while waiting for the others to see the light, the administration has its

cake and cats it, too. More troubling than the small justified investment that the government makes in trade promotion is the failure until now of the administration to integrate its aggressive trade policy with broader foreign policy values and initiatives. That is the right reason for raising questions about actions and statements that have left U.S. allies with the feeling that America has placed the pursuit of commerce above all other foreign policy objectives.

The president's deep involvement in selling jetliners to Saudi Arabia and spending days in Indonesia mouthing endless platitudes about trade with the Pacific Community (whatever that is) helped create that impression. In recent months he seems to have pulled back on such foreign salesmanship. That course correction should be maintained. Government has an important role in trade and the economy, but it does not extend to presidential Babbittry.

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The Washington Post.

Ignore 'Japan Fatigue' and Keep Opening the Japanese Market

By Thomas L. Friedman

HONG KONG — Here is a little-known fact for you: In the 1930s, three-quarters of the cars in Japan were Fords. World War II and 50 years of Japanese protectionism reduced that to zero, but Ford is now spearheading a resurgence of U.S. car sales in Japan.

Ford boosted its Japan sales by 198 percent last year by improving quality, acquiring 300 showrooms, letting Japanese auto writers drive across America in a Taurus and even sponsoring the Hiroshima professional soccer team, which won the national championship with the Ford logo on its jerseys.

Last year Ford sold out its allotment of Mustangs for Japan in two months.

This is not a Ford commercial. But the Ford example is worth highlighting because it comes at a time when so many other U.S. businesses are giving up on Japan, saying that it is just too expensive and aggravating to

keep trying to break into the closed Japanese market. Better, they argue, to focus sales — and U.S. trade diplomacy - on more open emerging markets in Indonesia, Malaysia, China and India. They call this "Japan fatigue," and it is a virus that has infected large segments of the U.S. business community

and government.

Nothing could be more wrongheaded, and President Bill Clinton should be making clear to Japan's prime minister, Tomiichi Murayama, that be has not caught the dreaded disease. The Japanese quietly believe that they have worn the Clinton team down. Here is wby he

should tell them they are wrong. First, commerce is like tennis. If you don't play with better players, you never get better vourself. If American designers and salesmen are not in Japan following Japanese product re-

search and development and competing against the best Japanese companies for some of the world's most sophisticated con-sumers, they will never beat their Japanese competitors in China, India or Indonesia, either. "If Ford can win in Japan, Ford can win against Japanese cars in the U.S., Europe and Asia," says Konen Suzuki, the renegade Toyota executive who now heads Ford Japan and tools around To-

kyo in his white Mustang. Second, if a U.S. company cedes the huge Japanese market to Toyota, that means Toyota can safely reap all sorts of profits at bome, amass a financial war chest, then use that to cut prices on what it sells abroad and to outspend others for new plants in Thailand or China to

tie up those markets as well. Third, there is a lot of ambivalence in the U.S. public today about the merits of free trade.

There is no way any administration can maintain the fragile consensus for free trade if Japan, the world's second largest economy, continues to get away with murder — using hidden quotas, opaque regulations and business cartels to block U.S. imports.

Fourth, the Japanese claim that Ford's success proves what they have been saying all along that if U.S. companies just came up with better products and more effort they could break into Japan. That is only half true. Yes, the products and effort have to be there, but if it were not for U.S. government pressure on Tokyo to squeeze its car dealers to give more showroom space to U.S. autos. Ford never would have broken in there, says Mr. Suzuki,

Economists complain that government pressure to open markets is "managed trade." You bet it is. In the managed Japanese economy you are either managed in or managed

out. (Ford's Japan sales, despite its upsurge, are still less than I percent of the Japanese market.)

Finally, the tide of history in Japan is turning America's way. I went to the new Toys "R" Us superstore outside Tokyo. It was packed with holiday shoppers hauling away bargains while the Muzak played Mo-town hits. Thanks to their recession, Japanese consumers are eager to be Kmart shoppers. They want the sort of U.S.-style retail competition and discounting they have never had.

This is no time to turn away from this market. You don't get better playing tennis with Malaysia; you don't get rich, either. It would be a shame if the only thing produced by 20 years of Sisyphean U.S. trade policy toward Japan was to open the Japanese market for Korean contractors, German automakers, French farmers and Japanese discounters.

The New York Times.

Rest Assured, America's Asia-Pacific Commitment Is Here to Stay

HONOLULU — As com-mander in chief of the U.S. Pacific Command, I have learned to expect two basic questions when I travel.

The first originates from Americans in government and business. They want to know. "What's on their minds out there in the Asia-Pacific region?" That is a big question for an area that encompasses 16 time zones and two-thirds of the world population. But in fact it is an easy question to answer.

It is easy to answer because of the second basic question, which comes from the other side of the Pacific Rim. In my visits to allies and friends throughout the Asia-Pacific region, this question is the first to come from the lips of military and government leaders.

They show great interest in American negotiations with North Korea, and many encour-

By Admiral Richard C. Macke age U.S. engagement of China.

But their first question - and the answer to "What's on their minds out there in the Asia-Pacific region?" - is, "Will the United States remain engaged?" The answer, of course, is "yes,"

and the supporting evidence is overwhelming. In his first overseas visit, President Bill Clinton traveled to Asia, where he articulated the vision of

a New Pacific Community. That clear strategic commitment has been backed with substantive decisions. The U.S. leadership has not shrunk from the tough challenges - international and domestic - embodied in the nuclear negotiations with North Korea, engagement with China,

and trade policy with Vietnam. The military forces in the Pacific Command were spared the

brunt of force reductions. Our forward forces, at about 100,000. will be on a par with forward forces in Europe — quite a con-trast to the Cold War, when the Europe-to-Asia ratio was more than 4-to-1.

This commitment is backed by important refinements. A plan for repositioning forces and improving strategic mobility will greatly enhance the U.S. ability to

reinforce its forward forces. Still naysayers persist. Some survey the long record of U.S. commitment to Asia, observe that the future is uncertain, and deduce that things will have to change. They predict the with-drawal of U.S. forward forces and the gradual retraction of U.S. security guarantees. They extrapolate individual events — such as

human rights controversies or the

loss of Philippine bases - into inevitable trends toward diminishing U.S. influence and interest. Others concede that the United States has good intentions but speculate that a tight U.S. budget combined with disappointment

over unbalanced trade will torpedo the altruistic commitment to the region. ine haysayers are wrong view U.S. strategic commitment

as some act of nature, prone to unpredictable shifts. This strategic commitment represents a bipartisan decision by American leaders who care about U.S. national interests and the future of the Asia-Pacific. U.S. strategic resources will be adequate - not merely because of good intentions, but because America's best interests underscore this commitment to the Asia-Pacific region.

The United States has demonstrated its credentials as a Pacific

many, but it would not take long

for most Americans to conclude

that what is good enough for the

impoverished and exposed new

eastern wing of NATO is good enough for rich Western Europe.

The American troops would

those who want the North Atlan-

tic Treaty to be no more of a

deterrent to aggression than the

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ter for Strategic and International

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United Nations Charter.

to The New York Times.

This would be welcomed by

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of engagement, and through three Asian conflicts that cost more than 100,000 American lives.

Alternative arrangements for forward military presence are be ing cooperatively developed, with the emphasis on "places" rather than "bases." The agreement with North Korea is a solid arrangeies on reciproc formance, not trust, and which will address one of the most serious threats to the region and the world. America's Asia-Pacific trade continues to expand.

The U.S. engagement is pervasive and persistent.
Granted, the process can be

awkward. Different cultures sometimes disagree on the optimal approaches to democracy and human rights.

If the tone of our discourse occasionally rises, however, it reflects an engagement of increased intensity, not declining interest. It also reflects the vigor and diversity of opinion that we associate with rising prosperity and democracy — the very goals of U.S. engagement in the region.

Can I put this question of U.S.

engagement to rest? No. The question is simply too important to the Asia-Pacific nations. They know that their prosperity depends on an environment of stability — and that stability in turn

rests on U.S. presence. They cannot afford to relax their vigilance on this issue. America's apparent inability to allay these concerns can be frustrating. But it is infinitely better to face regional concern than regional in-

difference — or rejection. "What's on their minds out there?" and "Will the United States stay engaged?" I'll hear those questions again. But as far into the future as I can imagine,

the answers will stay the same. International Herald Tribune.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Chinese Defeated

KAI-PING - The disposition of the Japanese troops along the line from Haitcheng having been completed in accordance with General Nodzu's plans, a forward movement was ordered three days ago. Early yesterday [Jan. [1] morning a brigade of the second army marched against the Chinese force encamped in the vicinity of Kai-Ping. The fighting lasted four hours until the Chinese fell back before heavy fire and were completely defeated.

1920: A Heated Debate

PARIS - Newspapers received from Buenos Aires describe turbulent scenes in the Argentine Congress during a debate on the right of the President of the Republic to intervene in the affairs of the States of San Juan and

tion impugned the President's policy. The behavior of the occupants of the Chamber of Deputies passed all bounds of decency. Verbal interruptions proceeded to the throwing of eggs. A Deputy hit by an egg returned fire with an inkpot, missing his mark and smashing an electric light globe.

1945: Young Soldiers PARIS - Five German children.

who were incited by agents of the Nazi S.S. police and the Hitler Jugund to commit acts of sabotage and steal arms and ammunition belonging to the American Army in the areas behind the 1st Army front, have been arrested and are being held. One boy was as tough and truculent as some of the worst S.S. troopers who bave been captured. He did not seem to realize that had his acts been committed by an adult, they would merit a death sentence.

Why Expanding NATO Eastward Is a Deplorable Idea The U.S. Congress bas so far By Fred C. Ikle supported the continued stationing of American forces in Ger-

WASHINGTON -- Challenge any historian to name a more successful alliance than NATO. There is none. Yet in every decade since the 1950s, foreign policy experts have asserted that

NATO faced some new crisis. Now comes the crisis of the '90s — the fragility of democracy in Eastern Europe and Russia, and the loss of a common enemy -and therefore, it is said, NATO must admit Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary and other na-tions of the former Warsaw Pact. This remedy may seem all the more urgent as Russian forces keep inflicting wanton destruc-

tion on Chechnya. Americans who question the wisdom of this eastward expansion fear that it might cause Russia to refurbish its military and expand westward. But this is only

half the problem. Far from solving an alleged crisis, expanding NATO now would fatally weaken it. The Atlantic alliance must not become a chain letter -- some Ponzi scheme that escapes bankruptcy only by sign-

ing up new members. And NATO should not troll behind the European Union try-ing to hook the same fish. The EU bureaucrats plan to catch Malta, Cyprus and Slovenia, as well as bigger fish in Eastern Europe. Not to be outdone, the Clinton administration promoted the Partnership for Peace, an ill-defined assembly that includes just about every non-Asian country in the Northern Hemisphere.

So does the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, which is ... Now, who remembers what that organization is all about?

But people do remember what NATO is about. On both sides of the Atlantic, people know that NATO is about peace with freedom, victory over communism,

borders defended without fight-ing a single battle. Should the Atlantic alliance someday again face the threat of external aggres-sion, this achievement would give fortitude and cohesion to all the

If the United States now pressured its reluctant European allies to consent to some scheme of eastward expansion, it would jeopardize the bonds that link America to Europe. luviting new members into a

member nations as they gather

their military strength.

consensus-based alliance is always risky. It is foolhardy if the new members bave not worked together in a collective endeavor to overcome a common danger. Of NATO's 16 members, most

were allied or closely associated in World War II. The Axis powers Germany and Italy were welded into the Atlantic community through the Allied occupation and the Marshall Plan. Spain agreed to close military cooperation with the United States three decades before

being admitted to NATO. Greece and Turkey received an enormous amount of U.S. aid for five years before joining NATO. For the East European nations today, such an infusion of money

is out of the question.

Admitting former Warsaw Pact
countries would weaken NATO in other ways, it might let in a Trojan horse. If one fears an emerging military threat from Russia - as many who favor NATO's expansion do — one must also expect that a revived KGB would find

collaborators among its former colleagues in Eastern Europe. Farfetched? Last year Marian Zacharski, who had been imprisoned in the United States as a Warsaw Pact spy in the 1980s, was named head of the Polish intelligence service. He was later

removed because of criticism at home and abroad. And just two weeks ago, Poland's prime minister nominated Longin Pastusiak, formerly a Communist ideologue and foe of NATO, as the next defense minister.

Advocates invariably assert that an expanded NATO would fill a vacuum in Eastern Europe. But if. say, Slovakia is a vacuum, why not Slovenia? If Slovenia, why not Macedonia, Moldova or Belarus? By expanding eastward, NATO would merely shove the vacuum ahead of itself. Another rationale is that de-

consolidated by NATO's embrace. In fact, NATO membership neither guarantees nor requires democracy.

Greece had been a member of the alliance for 15 years when a 1967 coup led to seven years of military rule. Yet it remained a

member the entire time the colo-

mocracy in former Warsaw Pact

nations must be nourished and

nels were in power.
Advocates of expansion want Western Europe to support it as a moderate step, and Russians not to fight it as a hostile plan. To this end the advocates are willing to strip NATO of its military essence by ruling out deployment of allied forces on the territory of

the new member states. The alleged political vacuum between Germany's eastern border and Russia's western border would thus be filled by a real military vacuum.

The alliance would split into

two parts. The western realm would retain - initially, at least -a common defense anchored in the deployment of U.S. forces integrated with European forces. The new eastern realm, by contrast, would be forced to forgo this bedrock of Atlantic security.

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A Firm Stance on Bosnia **Could Help Far Afield**

By Gideon Rafael

JERUSALEM — On Jan. 1, the one-thousandth day of the siege of Sarajevo, the two sides fighting in Bosnia signed a new cease-fire agreement. Was this a virtuous New Year's resolution and the siege of the organization and the s lution or a turning point in the fortunes of the tormented country? Would it take hold or suffer the fate of its countless predecessors? Would it lead to a just peace or just to the appeasement of the aggressor?
A variety of omissions and

commissions will determine its fate. The warring parties agreed to lay down their arms only after

A UN withdrawal, leaving the aggressors to have their way, could have fateful consequences, as it did when the UN force left Sinai in 1967.

concluding that continued fighting would not, for now, further their ultimate objectives.

Experience, reaffirmed in the Middle East, has shown that war fatigue is a potent, if rarely admitted, reason for calling a halt,

temporary or not, to hostilities. Parties to a conflict may intend to use a cease-fire to recover their military strength for another round or to try to reach their goals by diplomatic means. Outside forces can deci-

sively influence their course.

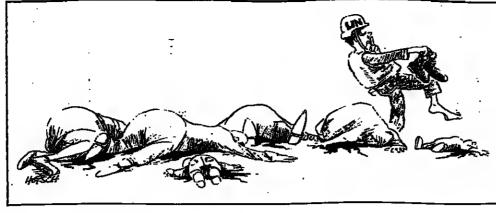
prominent role. Its peacekeepers and administrative staff have shown astounding endurance under provocative assault. valor to the annals of the organization. Withdrawing the UN force in the face of Serhian aggression would be a move fraught with disaster not only for the future of the world organization but for the restoration of peace in Bosnia and still unaffected parts of the Balkans.

Of course, the United Nations, as such, lacks the power to impose peace. Its rare achievements in the field of peacemaking occurred when the parties to the conflict, sup-ported by the consent of the principal powers, enlisted the good offices of the United Nations for the peaceful settle-

ment of their dispute.

In the area of peacekeeping the United Nations has succeeded where the parties were eager to use its presence as a wall of separation, shielding them from new collision. It has failed where it served as a sanctuary to protect an aggressor from retaliation by the ag-

grieved party. Those who advocate a UN withdrawal from Bosnia should examine the consequences of the unconditional evacuation of the UN Emergency Force from Sinai in 1967. It bad been established 10 years earlier to prevent a new military confrontation between Egypt and Israel and to protect freedom of navigation in the Gulf of Aqaba. When the United Nations fold-In the Bosnian theater of war, ed its tents on Nasser's com-



followed by two more full-scale Arab-Israeli wars in the ensuing

quarter-century.

The UN's fateful error in 1967 not only eroded faith in its usefulness as an instrument of peace but dominated the political and strategic scene for years. until efforts for a peaceful set-tlement finally took hold.

The prospects that the latest cease-fire in Bosnia (or, if not, some future one) might evolve into a permanent settlement do not depend on the United Na-tions. But backed by the military and political resolve of the powers engaged in the process, it can be of valuable assistance.

Unfortunately, the fivepower contact group has not convincingly manifested its steadfastness and unity of purpose. Russia openly favors the Serbian side. Its lenient attitude toward the Serbian assault on the political independence and the territorial integrity of Bosnia, a sovereign member state of the United Nations, contrasts blatantly with the measures of suppression, conducted with Bolshevik brutality, it has employed against the rebellious Chechens,

In this context, suspicions are the United Nations plays a mand and the great powers not out of place that Moscow's

fifth member) is far from perfect. Germany has carefully watched its step on Balkan soil that is soaked with the blood of the victims of Nazi savagery. The torment of the current war, with images of emaciated bodies in concentration camps, hungry and drifting masses, and victims of "ethnic cleansing," evoke images not seen in

Europe since World War If. British-French diplomacy in Bosnia moves discreetly, seeking tempt to ingratiate itself with of peace in the Middle East. Saddam Hussein).

The Serbian minorities in designs for a Greater Germany. ternational Herald Tribune.

failed to fill the vacuum, the old Soviet of a Greater Serhia by the graduitable. The 1967 war was to be valued by the graduitable of the solution of the solu putes and spoiling efforts at military occupation will hring a their peaceful solution.

military occupation will hring a new nightmare to Europe, leav-But the accord between the ing the Balkans devastated and four NATO members of the endangering the fabric of the contact group (Russia being the Western alliance, which failed to resist the aggressor.

And where does the United States, the most powerful member of the contact group, stand? It wavers between support of the legitimate government of Bosnia and a tendency to accommodate Mr. Milosevic and his supporters, East and West. The United States cannot

abandon, without harm to its national interests, its international responsibilities in regions like the Balkans, where smol-Sarajevo's salvation in Belgrade, dering fires can expand into not by powerful intervention but horrifying conflagration. A by timid attempts to accommo- firm American stand on Bosnia. date President Slobodan Milose- refusing to reward its aggresvic's aspirations (a policy repeat- sors, will fortify the Western ed recently by France in Iraq, alliance, evoke respect in Ruswhen it broke the UN-decreed sia, quench the fires of war in diplomatic boycott in an at- the Balkans and fan the winds

The writer is a former director Croatia and Bosnia are Mr. Milosevic's pawns, much as the Ministry and former ambassador Germans of the Sudetenland to the United Nations. He conwere once used to advance Nazi tributed this comment to the In-

Just Let Newt & Co. Go Private

ROXBURY, Connecticut — It is great news, this idea of selling a House office building now that the Republicans are dissolving so many committees

if this is only the opening wedge for a campaign to priva-tize Congress. Yes, let the free market openly raise its magnif-icent head in the most sacred

precincts of the Welfare State. The compelling reasons for privatizing Congress are perfectly evident. Everybody hates it, only slightly less than they hate the president. Everybody, that is, who talks on the radio, plus millions of the si-

lent who only listen and hate in private. Congress has brought on this hatred, mainly by hypocrisy. For example, members are covered by complete governmentrun health insurance — while similar coverage for the voters was defeated, with the voters' consent and support, no less. The voters, relieved that they

are no longer menaced by inex-pensive health insurance administered by the hated government, must nevertheless be confused about not getting

what polls show they wanted. The important point is that though they are happy at being denied what they say they want, they also know that the campaign to defeat health insurance was financed by the polls in November. big private health insurance companies to the tune of mil-lions of dollars paid to conaware of a lingering sense of

congressional hypocrisy.

Health care is only one of many similar issues — auto tive of the auto or real estate "Broken Glass." He contributed safety, the environment, eduindustries or the date growers this view to The New York Times.

By Arthur Miller

cation, the use of public lands and so on. The way each issue is decided affects the finances and firing their staffs. is decided affects the finances
But I wouldn't be surprised of one or another business. industry or profession, and these groups naturally tend

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to butter the bread of members Congress. We can do away with this hypocrisy by making Congress a private enterprise. Les each representative and senator openly represent, and have his salary paid by, whatever busigroup wishes to buy his ote. Then, with no excuses, we Americans will really have the

best representative system money can buy. No longer will absurdly expensive election campaigns be necessary. Anyone wanting the job of congressional representative of, say, the drug industry could make an appointment with the council of that industry and make his pitch.

The question arises whether we would need bother to go through the whole election procedure. But I think we must continue to ask the public to participate lest people become even more alienated than they are now, with only 39 percent of the eligible voters going to the

A privatized Congress might well attract a much higher percentage of voters than the pregressional campaigns. The resent outmoded one does be-sult is that with all their cause the pall of hypocrisy happiness, the voters are also would have been stripped away and a novel bracing honesty would attract voters to choose whichever representa-

they feel most sympathy for. Once Congress is privatized, the time would have come to do the same to the Supreme Court

and the Justice Department. If each justice were openly hired by a sector of the economy to protect its interests, a simple hargaining process could settle everything. The auto industry justice, wishing to throw out a suit against General Motors or Ford, could agree to vote his support for the agribusiness justice, who wanted to quash a suit by workers claiming to have been poisoned while

picking cabhages.
Some will object that such a ystem of what might be called legalized corruption would leave out the public and its interesis. But this is no longer a problem when you realize that there is no public and thus no public interest in the old sense.

As Margaret Thatcher once said. There is no society," meaning that the public con-sists of individuals, all of whom have private interests that to some degree are hostile to the nteresis of other individuals.

Possible objections: The abstract idea of justice would disappear under a system that takes only private economic interests into account. Second, the corporate state, which this resembles, was Mussolini's concept and resulted in the looting of the public by private inter-

ests empowered by the state.
Objections to the objections: We already have a corporate state. All privatization would do would be to recognize it as a fact.

Conclusion: We Americans are in bad trouble.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Views of Chechnya

The fact that the Russian intervention in Chechnya went horribly wrong, resulting in immense human tragedy, should not obstruct its underlying le-

gitimacy and necessity.

For better or worse Chechnya has been part of Russia for preserve their identity? very long, ft cannot legitimately break away unilaterally. The country bas become a base for organized crime syndicates. In this respect, parallels with the American intervention in Panama for the removal of Manuel Antonio Noriega are not farfetched. One can only wish that their military operation as successfully as did the Americans. J. BRAUNER

London. Since one cannot possibly write it off as coincidence, the editors of the International Herald Tribune must be congratulated for having assembled on a single editorial page on Jan. 6 four outstanding articles on the war in Chechnya, by very different authors, but all

personalities of world standing. While viewing the brutal re-pression of Chechnya from different perspectives, they all condemn the gross violation of human rights, but also the

Regarding the report "Sweden's Quiet Quest: Nuclear Arms Option" (Nov. 26):

A forthcoming study from the

Stockholm International Peace

Research Institute comes to

markedly different conclusions

from those of the article in ques-

tion. Where the article sees se-

crecy, the SIPRI study finds de-

and Sweden's nuclear option

was not quiet or secret. Polls in

the mid-1950s showed that

some Swedes would be less will-

ing to fight to defend the coun-

try against a nuclear-armed agor if Sweden were not armed with nuclear weapons. In

response the Swedish govern-

ment sought to design a nuclear

bomb. Most Swedes polled then

wanted a nuclear arsenal. The

program was discussed in the

Parliament and every newspa-

per in the country.
In 1957, the volatility of pub-

lic opinion about nuclear weap-

ons created a government crisis.

While the government and a slim majority of the public still favored building nuclear weap-

ons, the anti-nuclear minority

refused to compromise and

threatened to bring the Social

Democrats' dynasty down. It

was in this context that the So-

cial Democrats convened the

cret" in the national security

sense, but confidential in the

political sense. The minutes of

the committee's meetings were

not made public until recently

because they made clear that

Sweden's nuclear weapons

would have been meant to deter

or break up a Soviet landing on

Sweden's southern coast. But the proceedings of the commit-

tee are well-known. One ac-

count was published in 1960.

The committee was not "se-

Atomic Weapons Committee.

The genesis of the program

mocracy in action.

Democracy in Sweden's 'Secret' Arms Program

meekness of the reaction of pended and results obtained, the international community. While everyone knows that

discriminate killing of people, simply because they want to BOHDAN HAWRYLYSHYN.

in Bosnia, Even on Unfair Terms" (Opinion, Dec. 2) by George Kenney:

Words Too Familiar

minds me of what some people serious problems. said 56 years ago: "He doesn't want all of Czechoslovakia."

extortionist but only encourages him to demand more?

JANE M. MUEHLUM. Eltville am Rhein, Germany.

Look Hard at Aid

Regarding the Washington Post editorial "Defend Foreign Aid" (Opinion, Nov. 29):

This editorial dismisses casually the critical question of the relation between resources ex-

The Agesta reactor was built as a power reactor that could serve as a stopgap source of

plutonium for Sweden's nuclear

arsenal. The main source was to

have been the never-completed

Marviken reactor. In 1958, six years before it started up, Swe-

den agreed to put Agesta under U.S. safeguards in exchange for

International safeguards un-

der the Nuclear Nonprolifera-

tion Treaty were not created

until after Agesta was shut

down. The fact that Sweden had not "formally" disclosed

Agesta's status to the Interna-

tional Atomic Energy Agency until September 1994 should be

considered in context. The

Swedish press bas followed

Agesta's status assiduously.

Hans Blix, the director of the

IAEA, is Swedish and could

After years of rebuffs in Par-liament, the Swedish military ac-

cepted that nuclear weapons

were not in the offing. Since the

mid-1960s, the nuclear option

has been foreclosed. The design

of Agesta was found to be poor,

Marviken's reactor was can-

nuclear option, the Parliament

and the public came to oppose

nuclear weapons, and the For-eign Ministry locked Sweden

into its non-nuclear status

governance had a role in sustain-

ing Sweden's decision not to

build a nuclear arsenal, as noted

The writer, an American with SIPRI, is author of the forthcom-ing "Sweden's Decision Not to Build Nuclear Weapons: Impli-

ERIC ARNETT.

Soina, Sweden.

in the report from SIPRL

cations for Policy Today.

Every aspect of democratic

through the NPT.

hardly be unaware of it.

cheap uranium.

Have we not seen enough at-tempts for a "final solution" the United Nations agencies, during this century to stand by, the World Bank and the Agency watch and search for even a for International Development, dubious justification for the in- critics of foreign assistance are treated condescendingly, gratuitously told that foreign aid is bumanitarian and an important instrument of foreign policy. To sniff at critics of foreign aid as "isolationists" may make mem-bers of the foreign policy establishment feel cozy and righ-Regarding "End the Carnage - teous, but it does not advance

their argument. U.S. experts most intimately involved with the implementadon't want all of Bosnia" re- acutely aware of genuine and

We expect from Senator Jesse Helms and the members of When are experienced diplo- his Foreign Relations Commitmats finally going to learn that tee no less than serious profesprompt payment never stops an sional appraisal and constructive change. They could begin by installing a professional oversight capability on the committee staff.

It is wrong to target only the Agency for International Development. The projects of the World Bank and other UN agencies, often sadly off the mark, should be subjected to continued professional evaluation by the Congress.

Foreign assistance is a bipartisan problem. The withdrawal from Unesco did not harm U.S. foreign policy, and it was greet ed with bipartisan relief.

JAMES M. B. KEYSER.

Fighting the Drug War

Regarding "Legal Drugs Would Be a Cruel Hoax" (Opin-ion, Jan. 4) by A. M. Rosenthal: Whether or not most sup-

porters of drug legalization are "otherwise decent people," in Mr. Rosenthal's phrase, one thing is certain: The criminal elements who profit from drug traffic — and this includes some of the most powerful and influential members of society are uniformly and vociferously opposed to any form of drug legalization. So let us keep an open mind, and an open eye.

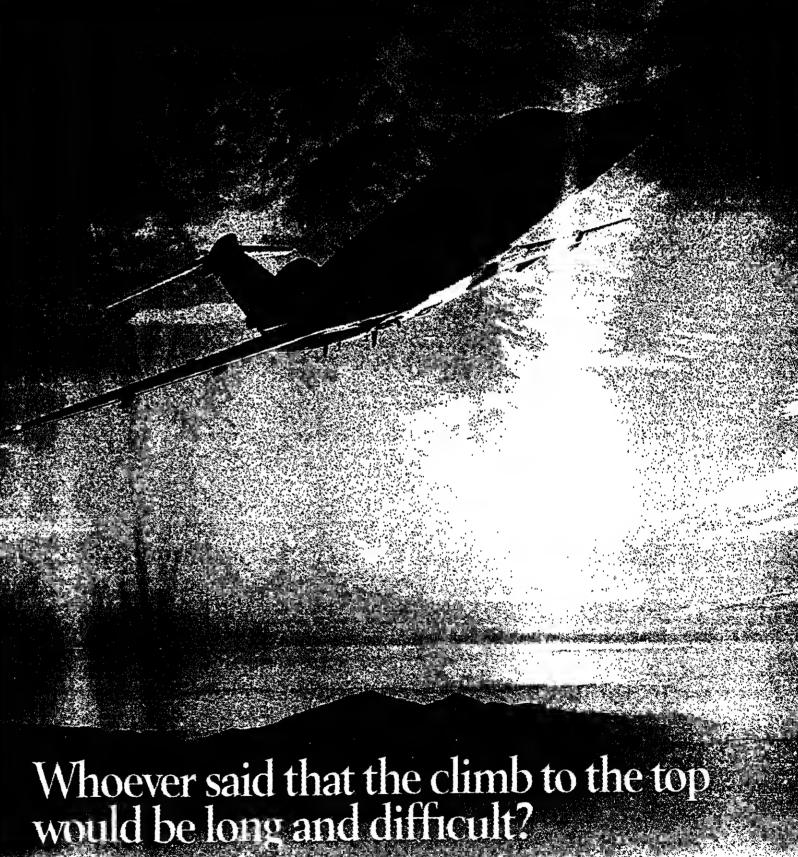
HENRY BLUMENFELD. Gif-sur-Yvette, France. It is strange that A. M. Ro-

senthal, who writes so intelligently about other topics, should be blind to the fact that the greatest evils caused by drugs do not arise from drug use, but from the present poli-cies of repression, and that police measures will never succeed in curbing production and distribution of a product that ofceled, the government and the military had lost interest in the fers such fabulous margins.

It is a pity that, rather than advocate stronger measures which are bound to fail, Mr. Rosenthal does not support an exploration of steps that would lead to worldwide controlled legalization.

Zollikon, Switzerland.

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Tough Talk Greets Murayama Clinton Demands Further Progress on Trade

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ico," he said, "It is in America's

to the Mexican government is

Compiled h: Our Staff From Drepatches WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton met with Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama of Japan on Wednesday and said that the two countries had gone n long way to resolving trade disputes but that "further progress must be

"We are clearly making progress, hut not enough, and we have to move on auto parts and autos." Mr. Clinton said at a White House news conference with Mr. Murayama.

Mr. Murayama spoke more generally of making "efforts to advance the Japan-U.S. partnership.

Trying to cast the trade issue in domestic terms, Mr. Clinton said that encouraging free trade would bring more high-paying jobs to the United States and "give Americans a chance to fulfill the American dream."

He said the U.S. trade deficit with Japan would narrow if Japan's economy continued to grow and the countries carried out new trade

"If we can implement these agreements that we have reached, and if we see the Japan growth rate coming up to about the American rate." he said, "then I think you will see a tightening of that trade deficit."

But Mr. Clinton said imports and exports would "never be in rough parity" unless "we make some progress on autos and auto parts hecause that's about 60 percent of the trade deficit" with Japan.

Nora Lustig, a specialist on economic and strategic interest

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Washington-hased Brookings Institution, said an "overkill"

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Mr. Clinton expressed a will-

ingness to extend that expira-

cumbersome to take along.

On the subject of North Korea, the two leaders pointed to their support for a deal to provide light-water nuclear power reactors to Pyongyang as a way to head off its suspected development of nuclear weapons.

Mr. Clinton defended the nuclear agreement

as important in spite of Republican criticism that Washington was too soft in dealing with

"Working together with our South Korean allies," he said, "we have confronted the nuclear threat and stopped it." Mr. Murayama said Tokyo would play a "sig-

nificant financial role" but gave no details.

An consortium that includes the United States, Japan and South Korea is to provide more than \$4 billion to finance the two reactors for North Korea.

Even as Washington and Tokyo tried to put a positive spin on their relationship after the signing of an accord, announced Tuesday, providing greater access to Japanese financial services mar-kets, a separate U.S. proposal to reduce auto trade tensions got a chilly reception in Japan. In response to Commerce Secretary Ronald H.
Brown's call for direct U.S. talks with Japanese

automakers, the president of Honda Motor Co. said, "Our joh is to do husiness, and we aren't interested in doing anything else." Mr. Brown said Wednesday that he expected such talks to

take place anyway.

No hreakthroughs were expected Wednesday on U.S. efforts to broaden the Japanese market for American cars and parts. (AP, Rewers)

"We have a strong interest in prosperity and stability in Mexment; \$5 hillion by the Bank of



Dzhokar Dudayev, the Chechen leader, speaking at a press conference on Wednesday.

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Russians do not trust him. He

has called for talks before and

a badly weakening position in Grozny. And despite domestic and international criticism of the war, Mr. Yeltsin may prefer

to open talks only after the

military solution was possible,

and that Russian efforts to

achieve one would lead to a

wider war in the Caucasus and

more political trouble for Mr.

Yeltsio. "Only a peaceful solution is possible," he said. "Ev-

ery day leads to a deepening

Asked if independence for

Chechnya remaioed connego-

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Yeltsin's decision to use force

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its anger at criticism from

abroad, could prompt it to

stake out more hostile positions

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from Bosnia to fraq and be-

yond, a Western diplomat here

Oleg Lobov, secretary of the

Russian Security Council and a

strong supporter of the war, de-

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tiable, be said: "Full or partial

independence, it's a relative need me." He said he would

Mr. Dudayev said that no

presidential palace is taken.

But Mr. Dudayev is clearly in

then set conditions.

■ 'Much More' Is Needed Lawrence Malkin of the International Herald Tribune reported from New York:

International Settlements, and

\$3 billion by commercial banks.

\$30 billion may be needed to credits under discussion with impress the investment commute the International Monetary Wall Street is waiting to see nity that Mexico will pay its Fund, and Mr. Clinton called the size and shape of any exon the IMF to "work quickly" to put in place a "substantial" panded rescue package before deciding wbether to keep its billion U.S. package is sched-uled to expire in six months, but Of the \$18 billion, \$9 billion money south of the border.

How much is needed? "More, Much more," said is being supplied by the United States; \$1 billion by Canada, Robert D. Hormats, a former another partner in the North government economic official and now vice president of Goldman, Sachs International.

Geoffrey Bell, a former British Treasury official who has lived through British devaluations in past years and now runs a New York consulting firm covering Latin America. warned that any rescue package must be buge — \$40 billion or even \$50 hillion — in order to calm iovestors in Mexico into

keeping their money there.

"The \$18 billion simply iso't large ecough to coovince anyone," he said.

Financial officials in Washington acknowledged that Mr. Clinton faced a dilemma in making good on his pledge to stand behind Mexico. He is unlikely to obtain support from Congress for a governmenthis own party introduced bills on Wednesday to break the North American Free Trade

Agreement He can also augment the package with credits from other governments, but Japan has been a reluctant contributor. and Europe now may oced its own reserves to help stabilize the Italian lira, the Spanish peseta, and, as the presidential could have far-reaching conseelection approaches this year, the French franc.

Finally, there is the Fed. which has already put up \$4.5 hillion of the \$18 hillion credit. said, U.S. aid, NATO expan-Theoretically, the central bank sion and Europe's readiness to can create unlimited amounts accept Russia into its political of dollars to buy up unwanted and economic institutions all Mexico pesos, but doing that are likely to be affected, or alrisks more inflation in the Unit- ready have been. The Council ed States at precisely the time of Europe, for example, on when the Fed is trying to slow Tuesday suspended Russia's the economy by raising rates to application to join. limit the demand for money.

UN Agency Moving to Bonn

Agence France-Press BONN - The United Nations Development Program has decided to transfer its headquarters for volunteer workers to Bonn, Foreign Mioister Klaus Kinkel of Germany announced Wednesday.

IMAGE: Russian Prestige Suffers been critical, hut added, "Of course, some in the West would

like to play this card and whip

dential palace for safer ground.

tions, saying, "I am where I need to be, and where people

He brusbed off such ques-

at the negotiating table."

up these waves." tions with the West, analysts The Western reaction, in turn, will be based in part on In concrete terms, Mr. Lukin possible dismay at what may be perceived as a reappearance of Kremlin insensitivity to human life and to truth-telling, analysts said. This will be especially true in the Baltic republics and Eastern Europe, where Russia's assault on Chechnya has "revived all the stresses, all the fears" that. Mr. Lukin said. In more psychological terms, "are not very distant in terms of Russia's embarrassment, and

history. The West's reaction also will take into account the inepiness of the Russian military. If Russia retreats into a corner to roar angrily at the outside world, a diplomat said, it will seem something of "a bollow roar."

"Our armed forces are no longer respected." Mr. Lukin said. "And if an army loses respect, this bodes ill for international relations in a world which is populated not just by

But by the same token, Westem reaction should take into account the vigorous domestic opposition to the war and the free Russian press reporting on it, the Western diplomat said. "It's not as if the West has to be the one to speak the truth, as we did during the Afghan situauon." the diplomat said.

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RUSSIA: Chechen Leader Admits He Can't Win War matter. Russia has interests in meet other Caucasus leaders in the Caucasus. But Russia can- the interim outside Grozny, and not ignore our interests and claimed that if the war continrights to life, to creation, to our ued and became a guerrilla conpoint of view. All these issues. flict, it would spread througheverything, can be settled in an out the region,

He said the conflict was unhour, with one flick of the pen winnable, "even if you demol-Looking trim but wan and surrounded by guards, Mr. Duish all the villages and level the Caucasus to the ground," and he applauded what he called the dayev met reporters at the Zarya Sanatorium, a resthouse victory of young democratic infor oil and chemical workers. stitutions in Russia that have just inside the southern edge of sharply criticized the war.

In Moscow, parliamentarians Grozny, where Russian troops blasted Mr. Yeltsin on Wedneshave never appeared. Mr. Dudayev has not given a press conday for his bandling of the ference since Dec. 18, a week Chechnya conflict but shied after Moscow intervened mili- away from adopting measures tarily, and there were many re- to halt the military campaign in ports that be had left the presi- the rebel region.

The Duma debate was adjourned until Friday.

"And what victory for us?" Mr. Dudayev asked. "Certainly, we cannot withstand such a power as Russia; it was clear. But winning militarily is impossible. The nation's aspiration to freedom and the right to life is given by God, and cannot be taken away by anyone except

In an interview in central Grozny. Mr. Dudayev's commander in the city. Colonel llyes Arsanukayev, said his forces were hrave and committed but were running out of ammunition and armor, needed anti-aircraft weapons and suffered from lack of organization.

"But unit by unit," he said, many professional armies would envy us." Even "if Grozny is occupied, we won't stop fighting." Colonel Arsanukayev said. "We'll fight not just in Chechnya, hut in Russia, too.
"We've held off an army that

kept the whole world in terror and occupied a fifth of the world," he said proudly. It's a weakened army, he admitted, but it has the same weapons "and the same conquering

■ U.S. Sees Violation

Russia, by its military action in Chechnya, has violated European security principles that President Yeltsin signed on to last month, the United States said Wednesday, according to States.

The State Department spokeswoman, Christine Shelly, said Washington would express strong concerns about this at a meeting planned for Thursday

"Now, after considerable review of the information available to date, we have concluded that Russia has not fulfilled all of its commitments under the OSCE and the Helsinki Final Act." Ms. Shelly said at a news briefing, referring to the Organization for Security and Coopcration in Europe.

Accord Clears Bonn To Start Returning Illegal Vietnamese

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

BONN - Germany said Wednesday that it would soon begin forcibly repatriating some of the 40,000 Vietnamese immigrants who are in the country illegally, and that Hanoi had agreed to accept all of them by the year 2000 in exchange for increased German trade and economic aid.

Another 60,000 Vietnamese

whose legal status as political refugees or immigrants has been recognized by German au-thorities would not be affected, officials said.

They said the accord would eliminate a legacy of the Cold War and enable Germany to compete more effectively with the United States and Japan in the emerging market economy in Vietnam. They rejected criticism that the agreement sacri-ficed human rights for business

There are about 20,000 Vietnamese whose applications for asylum have been rejected, and these would be the first to be considered for repatriation, said Bernd Schmidbauer, one of the two German officials who negotiated the agreement in Hanoi last week.

The Vietnamese authorities had agreed to take back at least 2.500 people this year, 5,000 next year and more every year after that, he said.

"We assume there will be some Vietnamese citizens who will want to go back voluntarily, hut we do not know exactly how many there will be," he added.

Pban Huy Oanh, a Vietnamese refugee who has lived in Europe for 20 years, said, "Only a small percentage want to go back voluntarily."
Long delayed by Vietnamese

refusal to guarantee that the returnees would be welcomed back, the agreement commiss Germany to provide \$130 mil-lion in aid over the next two years, part of it to be given to the refugees to help them get a new start in Vietnam.

The German government will also make available \$65 million next year to underwrite risk in-surance for German investment projects and exports in Viet-nam. Daimler-Benz. AG, the Stuttgart automotive giant, said Wednesday that it was planning to build a \$70-million Mercedes-Benz bus factory in Ho

Chi Minh City. West Germany offered political asylum to thousands of refugees from Vietnam during and after the war that ended with the Communist victory there in 1975. Some of the others were Vietnamese workers and their families brought in as laborers and students by Communist East Germany in the 1980s. There were about 62,000 of

them there when communism collapsed in 1989, and about 12,000 stayed after unification in 1990 despite a government offer the following year of a free plane ticket and \$2,000 cash for every one who agreed to return home voluntarily.

Tens of thousands more Vietnamese were among the hundreds of thousands of refugees and applicants for political asylum from all over the world who flooded into the united Germany before mid-1993, when it elimioated a coostitutional guarantee of an asylum hearing for anyone who could get into

the country and apply.

About 11,000 people from Vietnam applied for pobtical asylum in 1993 and nearly 3,500 did last year, German officials said, with more smuggled in illegally by criminal groups.

COLONY: Worries Are Piling Up

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currency devaluation spreading throughout other international markets, Hong Kong bas re-ceived an additional blow.

"On a fundamental economic basis, the Asian-Pacific economies are qualitatively a 1,000 miles away from Mexico," said Jim Walker, regional research director with Credit Lyonnais Securities (Asia). "But financial

fundamentals." In recent days such Asian currencies as the Indonesian rupiah, Philippine peso and Hong Kong dollar bave lost value against the U.S. dollar as trad-

markets don't always look at

ers grew nervous and speculators sensed a profit in the disturbances. Despite its link to the U.S. dollar, foreign exchange dealers reported Wednesday an unusu-

ally strong presence of foreign speculators in the market. They appear to be betting that local monetary authorities will allow the local currency to weaken further against the U.S. dollar. The currency peg, which pits

Hong Kong's reserves against any attempt to force the local unit any more than I percent away from a link of 7.8 Hong Kong dollars to \$1, was devised in 1983 to counter currency instahility linked to political uncertainty here.

"People challenging the currencies will be a short-term re-

sponse, hut we would be underestimating things if we expect a return to unquestioned levels of confidence in these markets." Mr. Walker said. "People will be forced to analyze these economies more closely, but I believe Asian economies generally will come out better off in comparison with others."

But Hong Kong has still more difficulties ahead, accordng to analysts.

Higher interest rates give local investors greater incentives to keep their money in the bank 6 than in stock ties. They also increase mortgage payments, a trend hlamed by many retailers and some restaurant operators for a markedly slow second half of 1994.

Every inflationary boom is followed by a hangover period," said Mark Faber, a Hong Kong fund manager and ana-

"We took the view a year ago that the stock market would go below 6,000," Mr. Faber added. "And the way we see the property market developing, we think it could go down signifi-

cantly more." "Few have realized yet that Hong Kong's bubble was in fact every hit as excessive as that of Tokyo by the end of the 1980s," said Peter Everington, a hedgefund manager with Regent Pacific Group Ltd. in Hong Kong. "The coming pain will be com-parably severe."

OLYMPICS: Battling a Bias

Spanish athlete, to carry the plaque with the country's name.
It's shameful that the Olympic organizers went along with

his." she said. The Atlanta Plus group includes women's groups from France, Belgium, Germany and Sweden and is seeking support in Canada and the United

This fight is new and it will be tough." said Anne Marie Lizin. Belgium's former minister for European affairs and an Atlanta Plus organizer. "But noth-

ing will discourage us." At the meeting in the French Senate, speakers said that throughout Europe, politicians and teachers were becoming sensitized to the growing discrimination against women by Islamic fundamentalists because they saw it happening among immigrants.

One area in which the discrimination is manifest is funds.

sports. At schools in France, Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands, Muslim immigrants in recent years have be-gun insisting that their daughters not participate in sports. Atlanta Plus members say

that Iran is the only country they know of that has explicitly banned women from most sports but that others are doing

Chahla Chafiq, an Iranian sociologist, said that women in Iran may practice only those Olympic sports in which they can wear head-to-toe robes and

According to the 1992 Olym-pic yearbook, of the 169 countries that sent athletes to Barcelona. 34 had no women participants. Among those 34, some delegations had only half a dozen or even fewer men, and said at the time that they they lacked talented athletes or

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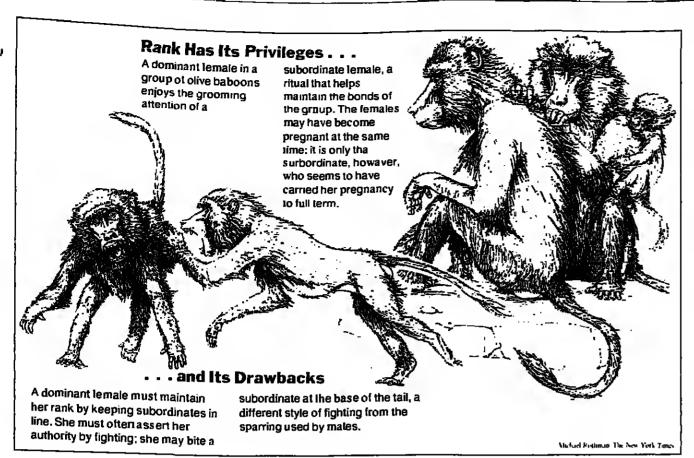
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Baboon Society: Perils of Power

By Natalie Angier New York Times Service

EW YORK — She had been poor and she had been rich, and everybody believed the vaudeville star Sophie Tucker when she assured them rich was better. Wealth, fame, success, status: These are the glorious bonbons of life, out of reach to most, perhaps. but desirable to nearly all. Who can doubt the plentiful benefits that come with being at the top? Who but . . . a baboon?

A long-term study of female olive ba-

boons living in Gombe National Park, Tanzania, has revealed that while the highranking individuals in a group do indeed reap many nutritional and reproductive rewards from their status, they also pay a few unexpected costs.

The baboons that are the creme of their highly hierarchical and female-centered society — the grandes dames and their prima donna daughters — are able to mo-nopolize the best foraging sites and to displace subordinates that happen first on

a tasty patch of grass nodules or palm nuts. As a result of their greater access to food, the alpha females reach maturity faster, their infants are likelier to survive, their daughters tend to become alpha females themselves and they can stari-reproducing again more quickly after each birth, compared with their beta through omega

However, the dominant females turn out to have a much higher rate of miscarriage than do their subordinates, and in some cases they are not able to breed at all, a rarity among female mammals.

The new study suggesting that there is a price for being boss baboon, and that price from their setbacks quickly, aided by their at all.

is the most dreaded tithe of all, reduced fertility, was reported in the journal Nature, Dr. Craig Packer of the University of

Minnesota in Minneapolis, who analyzed data that he gathered at Gombe with the naturalist Jane Goodall and her co-work-ers, proposes that the fertility problems the dominant females experience are linked to aggressiveness: The higher the female's status, the more aggressive she is likely to be, and possibly the more she may be loaded up with androgens, the male bormones. Those excess androgens could in

turn contribute to fertility problems.

The researchers suggest that such a reduction in fertility could explain why females do not evolve in a steadily more aggressive direction, the better to accrue resources, trounce competing females and even fend off males that would tyrannize them.

The study is among the largest and longest efforts to quantify the lifetime reproductive performance, the so-called fitness, of animals situated up and down the hierarchy of their social milieu.

T takes to task easy assumptions that the leaders in a given setting are destined for genetic ascendancy and immortality. The researchers used data from 25 years of observations, taking into account the maternal careers of 138 female baboons with 584 pregnancies.

The baboon study demonstrates strongy that dominance has its sword of Damocles side. Dr. Packer said that even if one ignored the completely infertile baboons. the high-status females still ended up with twice the miscarriage rate of those lower in the pecking order, regardless of the age of the females under consideration.

comparatively greater intake of food, but their susceptibility to spontaneous abor-tions indicates there could be an upper limit to having the upper hand.

The natural reining in of the ruling class is probably the saving grace of baboon society, which is not exactly a model of pastoral civility. Baboons are the most widespread African primate, and the olive baboons living in the relatively lush grasslands and woodlands of Gombe do quite well. As with many primates, the core of society is female, the mothers, daughters, aunts and nieces all staying together for life, in troops averaging from 11 to 17

Males come and go, and compete vi-ciously among themselves for access to the stable of females. While the males tussle among themselves, the females maintain a rigid and reasonably stable hierarchy.

Dr. Martha K. McClintock, a professor and chairwoman of biopsychology at the University of Chicago, who has studied the relationship between hormones and reproductive behavior in many mammals, warns against glib analogies between a dominant female baboon and a dominant female human. "Are we to compare a dominant baboon to a woman who is working as a trial lawyer or an executive?" she said, "Or would a more apt analogy be with a matri-arch in a large, extended family - an Italian or a Chinese grandmother, say?"
Or Ivana Trump or Leona Helmsley, for

Nor is it clear that the most successful women are the most aggressive ones, she said. And while extreme stress has been shown to impede fertility, the causes of stress are many. Sometimes the most The high rankers do manage to recover stressful thing one can do in life is nothing

U.S.-French Prenatal Care Study

By Barry James

ARIS - Why does France have a 20 percent lower infant mortality rate than the United States? A new report comparing maternal and child-care systems in the two countries credits legislation aimed at mothers and children in France and recommends that similar preventive measures be adopted in

French health care for mothers and infants is not necessarily better, the report finds. It is, however, universally available

and, on average, cheaper.

The report, "A Welcome for Every Child," resulted from cooperation between the French-American Foundation and the National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Care in Virginia, which sent a delegation of experts to France last year. It said legislation for the protection of mothers and infants, adopted after World War II. created "excellent prospects for healthy growth and development," even in

the poorest families. The legislation "marked the critical passage of French child and family policy from 'charity for the poor' to 'protection

for all." the report said. Although France, in common with other developed countries, is concerned about rising health costs, the program, which is the only one of its kind in Europe, is not likely to suffer any reduction.

estimated to save money overall by reducing the risk of preterm births, which often require expensive intensive care.

Only about 0.5 percent of live hirths in France are seriously premature, against 1,3 percent in the United States, and France has less than half the American number of preterm births as well as a much lower rate cesarean deliveries.

The report said such figures reflect the fact that 96 percent of children in France are born to mothers who receive early prenatal care, against 76 percent in the United States.

The two countries have a similar proportion of working mothers and roughly comparable per capita income of \$22,200 fnr Americans and \$18,200 for the French. But health-care expenditure as a percentage of total income is 13.4 percent in the United States, against 9.1 percent in France. And the French spend \$1,650 a year per person on health care, against \$2,867 in the United States, where about nne-sixth of the populatinn is not covered by health insurance.

The American committee visited France before the defeat of President Bill Clinton's health-care bill. But the report says there is no reason that the United States should not adopt many aspects of the French program under existing health-care arrangements.

"America has at its disposal a wealth of ources in the talent and capability of its health-care professionals and institu-

It represents only about 0.3 percent of French expenditure on health care and is attract patients from around the world attract patients from around the world who avail themselves of our leading-edge technology and medical expertise.

"At the same time, nearly half of all American children under 3 years of age confront one or more major risks to health and well-being; over one-quarter between 19 and 35 months of age lack all recommended inoculations, Ironically, these services are often readily available, yet we frequently fail to deliver them efficiently and effectively.

A key to the French success is the carnet de santé, an 80-page health document is-sued for every child at birth. The book sets out a series of preventive examinations and inoculations needed during infancy and childhood, and enables doctors to see at a glance whether the child is receiving correct medical care.

HE book contains a certificate that doctors must send to a local health agency after a certain number of examinations, if the certificate does not arrive, or if it identifies risk factors, the agency is responsible for making sure the mother and child receive the health, social

and financial assistance they require.

The French system is not just a preventive medical plan, the American team found, but a series of interlocking health and social measures overseen by locally controlled health agencies. However, private physicians provide about 90 percent of preventive maternal and child health care.

Egg Cholesterol: A New Verdict?

By Jane E. Brody New York Times Service

EW YORK - In recent decades the egg, like Humpty Dumpty, has had a great fall. Since the mid-1940s, concern about cholesterol and heart disease bas sent per capita consumption in the United States plummeting from more than 400 eggs a year to only 235 in 1992, according to the latest figures available.

But after a half-century of hard knocks, 995 may be the year that the egg, unlike

Humpty, gets put together again.
After three decades of dietary advice to keep daily cholesterol intake below 300 milligrams and to limit egg consumption to four yolks a week, some experts on diet and heart disease are considering a more individualized approach that would allow a large portion of the population to eat more eggs, as well as other foods, like shrimp, that are relatively high in cholesterol but low in fat.

Eggs are inexpensive, readily available, easy to chew and digest, simple to prepare, relatively low in calories, and rich in protein, iron and many other essential nutrients. Unfortunately, eggs are also rich in cholesterol. The yolk of one large egg (the whites are free of both fat and cholesterol) has 213 milligrams of cholesterol and 5 grams of fat; 2 of them are saturated fat,

blood and the risk of developing and dying of coronary heart disease. However, subsequent research revealed two main influences on blood cholesterol: the amount of saturated fat in the diet and heredity.

Dietary cholesterol is only weakly associated with coronary risk. For the average American, cating an additional 200 milli-grams of cholesterol a day (about the amount in one egg) raises blood cholesterol about 3 milligrams, which in turn raises the risk of coronary disease by 6 percent,

But people are not averages. In most people, cholesterol production in the liver is reduced in direct proportion to the amount consumed. In addition, excretion of cholesterol through the production of bile acids often rises as more cholesterol is eaten. And when a lot of cholesterol is consumed at once, absorption through the digestive tract commonly drops.

ESEARCHERS at Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Win-ston-Salem, North Carolina, recently identified a common genetic mutation that makes people resistant to dietary cholesterol, allowing them to eat 1,000 milligrams a day without raising their blood levels.

"We're now at a point where we can be a little more targeted in making dietary rec-ommendations," said Dr. Wayne Canaway. specialist in metaoousm and Cholesterol in the diet became a health issue after studies of thousands of people ty in Washington. "Those with a family consumption to determine if a person is in a dozen countries showed a direct link history of early heart disease or high cho-sensitive to dietary cholesterol.

between the amount of cholesterol in the lesterol are the ones who most need pre-

ventive dietary advice."

Dr. Neil J. Stone of Northwestern University School of Medicine in Chicago. who heads the American Heart Association's nutrition committee, generally endorses the association's dietary advice to all Americans to adopt the so-called Step 1 diet, which consists of no more than 30 percent of calories from fat and 10 percent from saturated fat, 300 milligrams of cho-

lesterol a day and four egg volks a week. He points out that since the 1960s, such advice has helped to reduce the average American's blood cholesterol "from the 240s to about to 213, saturated fat intake from 17 or 18 percent of calories to 13 percent and total calories from fut from 42 percent to 36 percent."

As for people with a family history of heart disease or high cholesterol, he said, "if the cards are stacked against you healthwise, it makes sense to adopt the Step | diet.

For people with several major risk factors and those who already have heart disease, the recommended diet consists of less than 30 percent total fat, less than 7 percent saturated fat and no more than 200 milligrams of cholesterol a day.

Ideally, a decision about one's diet would be based on individual tests of susceptibility to dietary cholesterol. This would mean, for example, taking blood

IN BRIEF

Hubble Telescope Detects Collision of 2 Galaxies

BALTIMORE (AFP) - The Hubble space telescope has photographed a rare and spectacular head-on collision between two galaxies that offers new insight into the birth of star systems.

A picture taken with a Hubble camera on Oct. 16 provides a new opportunity to study how extremely massive stars are born in large fragmented gas clouds," the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said. The image shows the Cart-wheel Galaxy surrounded by a ringlike feature 500 million light-years away in the constellation Sculptor. The "ring world" was caused when a smaller intruder galaxy careered through Cartwheel's core, sending a ripple of energy into space, plowing gas and dust in front of it.

Evidence on HIV Replication May Help Drug Development

LONDON (Reuters) - HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, duplicates itself more rapidly than had been thought and this could speed up development of drugs to treat the disease, scientists said Wednesday.
"We had suspected previously that HIV

replicated rapidly but we had no idea the degree to which it actually replicated," Dr. Michael S. Saag, one of the University of Alabama scientists involved in the study,

Dr. Saag said the findings would have an important impact on treatment of HIV and AIDS and could affect research into the disease because it crystallizes understanding of what the virus is doing.

Supercomputers Bring Supernovas into Focus

TUCSON, Arizona (Combined dispatches) - Aided by supercomputer calculations, astronomers are finally solving the puzzle of what causes supernovas, powerful exploding stars that create the elements the make life possible.

New supercomputers, capable of running millions of calculations a second, have enabled astronomers to create mathematical models that explain the microsecond-long changes that occur as a star 10 times the size of the sun goes supernova. In presentations to the national meeting of the American Astronomical Association, teams of astronomers showed computer-driven graphics of processes happening inside a supernova.

Other scientists at the meeting reported the discovery of a new class of astronomical bodies, miniature spiral galaxies, whose dimness had made earlier detection impossible, and another team said it had found 50 previously unknown galaxies in what was thought to be a cosmic emptiness 500 times the size of the Milky Way. (AP. Reuters)

Inexpensive Test Patented For Detection of Oral Cancer

WASHINGTON (NYT) - A doctor and two chemists have patented what they say is a simple and inexpensive test to detect oral cancer, which strikes primarily tobacco users and heavy drinkers and is the eighth most common type of cancer in the United States.

Because there is no commercially available test for oral cancer, it is usually detected through a physical examination. However, by the time the cancer is visible, it often already has spread to other parts of the hody.

Dr. Pier Cipriani, a dentist in Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania, and two col-leagues developed a test that makes use of toluidine blue, a dye that is used to color textiles but that has been put to medical use.

Clue to a New Type of Hepatitis

By Lawrence K. Altman

ETHESDA, Maryland -- A U.S. government scientist re-ports that his team has found preliminary evidence of a new virus that is believed to cause a new type of hepatitis. The newly reported virus can apparently

be transmitted through blood transfusions, said the scientist, Dr. Harvey J. Alter of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda. He disclosed the finding at a scientific meeting on blood transfusions.

It would be the second new type of hepatitis virus reported in recent months. Late last year, a team of researchers in France reported finding a virus that they say causes a sixth type of hepatitis. But the finding of a hepatitis F virus, as they called it, has not been confirmed. Dr. Alter said he was "a bit skeptical about the finding because it came out of the

Particles of what may be a new virus were detected from one of the unex- sure because no test has been developed

His team is trying to identify the virus further by using the latest molecular biology techniques on blood and other tissues from other cases.

"It is not a proven virus, and the find-ing could fall through." Dr. Alter said. His team is not ready to publish data on the virus, he said. But he said he disclosed the finding reluctantly hecause he was addressing a federally appointed panel that is to hear all information concerning infectious agents that can be transmitted through blood transfusions. The committee was to recommend Wednesday whether certain tests should be added or dropped in screening blood for transfu-

"I wanted the committee to know that there may be something new on the horizon," Dr. Alter said.

Preliminary evidence suggests that the possible new virus is not a big public health threat, but that is not known for

plained cases of transfusion hepatitis in the institutes' collection, Dr. Alter said. yet, Dr. Alter said. His team is working with Genelabs of Redwood City. California, to develop a screening test. Dr. Alter said his team's virus would be called either hepatitis G virus or hepatitis F virus, depending on whether there was confirmation of the viruses in France and in Bethes-

> EPATITIS means inflammation of the liver and many chemicals and infectious agents can cause it. The various viruses at present known to cause the disease are called hepa-utis A, B, C, D and E. American blood is rested routinely for B and C, the types of virus that were most commonly transmitted through blood. The latest improved version of the test

for hepatitis C has virtually eliminated the virus from transfusions, Dr. Alter report-

"So it would appear that any new virus has got to account for a very uny piece of the picture" in the United States, he said. But such viruses could be more common

BOOKS

FELICIA'S JOURNEY By William Trevor. 213 pages. \$21.95. Viking.

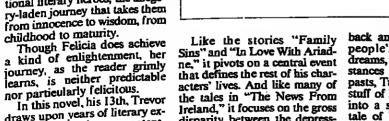
Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani

THE title of William Trevor's latest novel, "Felicia's Journey," refers — ironically, it turns out -- to the picaresque journey undertaken by so many traditional literary heroes, the allegory-laden journey that takes them from innocence to wisdom, from childhood to maturity.

journey, as the reader grimly learns, is neither predictable nor particularly felicitous.

In this novel, his 13th, Trevor draws upon years of literary experience, using by now patent- disparity between the depressed narrative methods to pull together themes that have preoccupied him throughout his long, distinguished career. Like "Fools of Fortune" and "The Silence in the Garden,"
"Felicia's Journey" grounds bizarre, gothic developments in meticulously observed scenes of ordinary life.

• Farid Chopel, a popular comic in France, is reading "Le Prophète" by Khalil Gibran. "He covers love, liberty, pain, passion and death. It's just the most Zen book I've read." (John Brunson, IHT)



the high-flown romance of their dreams. In the case of "Felicia's Journey," that disparity between fantasy and reality propels Trevor's two main characters together on a collision course ending in violence and death.

back and forth between these people's actions and their dreams, their present circumstances and their remembered pasts, Trevor is able to turn the stuff of hurid tabloid bendling. stuff of lurid, tabloid headlines into a sad and oddly moving tale of lost opportunities and misplaced hopes.

ing reality of people's lives and Felicia, we learn through flashbacks, was the only daughter of a poor Irish gardener. Her mother died many years ago; her brothers work long days in low-paying job at a meat-pack-

romance and adventure, though her neighbors observe she has "the face for a nun."

young man named Johnny Lysaght, who is home from England to visit his ailing mother. Johnny asks Felicia out for a drink, and she promptly falls in

It's not long before she also mower factory somewhere in the English Midlands; her father insists that Johnny has betrayed the Irish people by secretly signing up with the British Army.

Denounced by her family for becoming pregnant --- and by a bloody traitor at that! - Felicia the quarries. Since losing her sets off to find her beloved Johnny. She steals some money ing plant, Felicia has led a cir- from her great-grandmother, And by repeatedly cutting cumscribed life, taking care of hops a boat to England and

her ailing great-grandmother begins her search for Johnny in and cooking and cleaning for a grimy industrial town near the family. She dreams of love, Birmingham.

One day, after serving as a Joseph Ambrose Hilditch, a fat, bridesmaid in a family wedding. Felicia makes the ac-whose tepid demeanor conceals science that gives him

Lane" collection of girls - girls he has rescued from loneliness. poverty or trouble, then gro-tesquely disposed of once they discovers she's pregnant, have regained their footing and though by then Johnny has rethreatened to go on with their his spider web.

But while Felicia is initially responsive to Hilditch's offers

science that gives him complete strength of his aces. quaintance of a handsome some dark and terrible secrets. access to his characters' Hilditch immediately sees the painfully naive Felicia as another addition to his "Memory pense that depends less on plot mechanics than on the ebb and flow of his people's emotions. With "Felicia's Journey," he has delivered a perfectly execut-ed and chilling little tale about the loss of innocence and the high price of blasted dreams.

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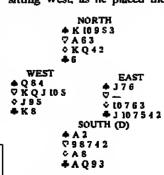
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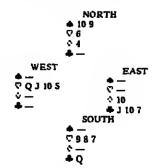
There, she fails to find any promising leads; instead, she makes the acquaintance of one Joseph Ambrose Hilditch, a fat, Writing with easy omni- bled with a redouble on the

"David, one of us will be sorannounced Allen Kahn, sitting West, as he placed the



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heart king on the table, "and I don't think it will be me." Berah, who had hoped for slightly better trumps in the dummy, took the ace, and was not surprised when East threw a club. He led to the club ace, ruffed a club, and cashed three diamond winners, Now, he felt fairly sure that West had begun with 3-5-3-2- distribution. He therefore cashed the ace and king of spades and ruffed a spade to reach this ending:



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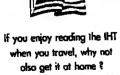
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STATUES OF THE WORLD, UNITE! — A statue of Lenin being moved Wednesday to Berlin's Zeughans museum, where it will be on display with other statues and paintings of leaders of the Communist era from Jan. 25.

'Tit-for-Tat' Tactics Mark Polish Politics

By Jane Perlez

New York Times Service

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WARSAW — President Lech Walesa surprised few Poles when he announced he would refuse to pay new income tax rates and encouraged voters to follow his example.

There was not much astonishment either when, in retaliation for the tax ploy, Prime Minister Waldemar Pawlak pulled out a name from the Communist past for the post of defense minister that he knew Mr. Walesa would reject.

Everybody understands that these are all maneuvers in what one newspaper here called the "tit-for-tat, you-trick-me-Itrick-you" game of politics that have come to dominate government.

The daily antics between the president and the prime minister are all about the presidential campaign that looms in Poland this year. The stakes are especially high because a victory by the former Communists would cement their hold on the entire political landscape and give them control of both the Parliament and the presidency.

Mr. Walesa, once the anti-Communist hero of the Poles but whose popularity has plummeted, is determined to run again despite favorable ratings that only recently crept into the teens.

There is considerable jockeying among

potential challengers, who include Alexander Kwasniewski, the leader of the former Communist party that is the senior partner in the governing coalition with the Peasants Party headed by Mr. Pawlak.

The two themes that the two sides have

The two themes that the two sides have chosen to do battle on are cabinet ministers and taxes.

Two portfolios vital to Poland's international image are in limbo. The defense post

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is empty, even though the government says it is trying to meet Western military standards to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Mr. Pawiak's nominee, Longin Pastusiak, was an outspoken ideologue of the Communist Party, whom Mr. Walesa scornfully denounced as having been a well-known opponent of NATO.

The minister of foreign affairs, Andrzej Olechowski, popular in Western capitals, has taken a leave. An ally of Mr. Walesa, but also a potential candidate in the presi-

dential sweepstakes, Mr. Olechowski is being pushed out by Mr. Pawlak, and has offered his resignation. Mr. Walesa, of course, refuses to accept it.

Mr. Walesa chose the tax issue to score points with average wage earners. In a drama that started last month, Mr. Walesa made it clear he would veto the uncoming budget if it included the tax increase that was in force in 1994 and which the government wanted to continue this year.

Then the government, not wanting a debate in Parliament on taxes; pulled the tax bill and announced that it would raise income taxes by proclamation. Mr. Walesa and his lawyers pronounced this illegal and have called on a constitutional tribunal to rule on the matter.

The tax rates of 21 percent, 33 percent

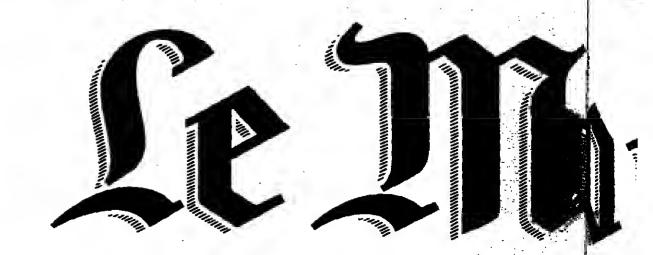
The tax rates of 21 percent, 33 percent and 45 percent, depending on income, that were in place in 1994 would replace old rates of 20 percent, 30 percent and 40 percent under the government's proposal.

in Mr. Walesa's case, this would mean, according to calculations by economists here, that under the government's plan he would pay \$590 a month taxes on his \$1,560 monthly salary instead of \$530. The average Polish monthly salary in December was \$300.

Mr. Walesa said he would not pay the new rate because as far as he was concerned the government's tax rates were not in force.

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Presidential Shoo-In? Polls Warn Balladur

PARIS — Prime Minister Edouard Balladur has become the runaway favorite to win the 1995 presidential election, but pollsters caution that voters are in a fickle mood and that he might still be tripped.

While no candidate in a recent Freoch presidential election has built up such a lead and lost, surveys less than four months ahead of the vote have found that about half of voters are undecided and few wildly inspired by Mr. Balladur's center-right policies.

He has an exceptional lead. but the game has still to be played," said Jerome Sainte-Marie, director of political studies at the Louis Harris insti-

He said voters chose Mr. Balladur, 65, more out of a lack of alternatives than enthusiasm. A recent poll found that 68 percent of voters were dissatisfied with the way France is gov-erned, with 27 percent satisfied.

A poll on Tuesday, in the weekly L'Express, showed Mr. Balladur would crush any opponent in a runoff by a margin of about 64 percent to 36 percent. He is expected to formally announce his candidacy next

But Mr. Balladur could be vulnerable if economic recovery falters, if unemployment rises despite his predictions of a decline or if corruption scandals that have forced the resignation of three cabinet ministers since July blow up again.

tion with a single round, there would be almost no doubt Balladur would win," said Pierre Giacometti, director of political studies at the BVA polling insti-

The election to succeed President François Mitterrand is split between an April 23 round open to all contenders and a runoff on May 7 between the top two candidates.

Mr. Giacometti said Mr. Balladur, often portrayed by critics as reserved and stuffy, might suffer in a face-to-face runoff with a more aggressive candidate such as his party colleague, Mayor Jacques Chirac of Paris.

Another sign of Mr. Balla-dur's possible vulnerability is that he regained the mantle of favorite only after the outgoing Commission, Jacques Delors, a Socialist, shocked the left by deciding not to run when he was

"A month ago, Balladur was in very big difficulties," said Carine Marce, research director damentalists. French commanat the Sofres polling institute.

The difference now, however, is that the left has no reserve apparently able to fill Mr. De-lors's shoes. Pollsters reckon Mr. Chirac may well be the main threat to Mr. Balladur.

Mr. Balladur was boosted over Christmas by his firm han-

dos stormed the jet, killed all four hijackers and freed 169

passengers and crew.
In 1981, Mr. Mitterrand came from behind to defeat then-President Valery Giscard d'Estaing. But in a poll in Octotaing to win the first round 3 percent

The last elections in France. for the European Parliament in June 1994, showed the rootlessness of much of the electorate.

The slate headed by the mayerick rightist Philippe de Vil-liers won 12 percent even ber 1980, 34 percent of voters though polls a month or so ear-had favored Mr. Giscard d'Es-lier had credited him with only



Mayor Jacques Chirac, left, meeting Wednesday in London with Prime Minister John Major. Mr. Chirac may be the main threat to Edouard Balladur in this spring's election.

"If this was a U.S.-style electron with a single round, there Left's Sole Hopeful Draws Fire

PARIS - The French left fell deeper into disarray Wednesday over a choice of a presidential candidate as the leader of the Radical Party, Bernard Tapie, threatened to torpedo the candidacy of a former Socialist Party leader.

Following a meeting of Radical and Socialist party leaders to explore the possibility of agreeing on a single candidate for the April-May presidential election, Mr. Tapie said that leaders of the left believed Liooel Jospin could not win and should be passed over.

"We have to find a unity candidate able to win," he said, telling reporters, "Perhaps you believe that Jospin can achieve this. We don't believe so."

"So we are looking for another eventual solution," he added, "and we are convinced we will

Mr. Jospin announced last week that he was willing to run for president if the party chose him. He was the first Socialist to volunteer since president of the European the outgoing European Commission president, Jacques Delors, decided last month against run-

ning even though he led in opinion polls.

Mr. Jospha quickly dismissed Mr. Tapie's leading the pack in December. statement, saying, "I don't think the Radicals

can impose a veto on the Socialist candidate."

But a Socialist Party spokesman, Jean Glavany, later appeared to back up Mr. Tapie's remarks, saying in a radio interview, "There are today several potential candidates in the Social-

The eventual candidate, he said, "must be able to unite the Socialist Party.

Other potential candidates for the Left, leaders said, are former Culture Minister Jack Lang, Health Minister Bernard Kouchner, former Justice Minister Robert Badinter and former Labor Minister Martine Aubry.

The Tuesday evening meeting between Socialist leaders and those of the splinter Radical Party was itself significant in that it was their first official get-together in two years.

According to a Radical Party official who attended the meeting, the Socialist Party leader, Henri Emmanuelli, agreed to search for a unity candidate who did not occessarily belong either to the Radicals or the Socialists.

The Socialist Party fared badly in the European Parliament elections in June, wheo the Radicals captured 12 percent of the vote, approaching the Socialists' 14.4 percent.

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Bob Mills, foreign affairs critic for the conservative Re-Mexico has a top-heavy rich

Canada's financial difficulties are far less serious than those of Mexico, its partner with the United States in the North American Free Trade Agreement. But by the standards of the industrial world, Canada has some serious problems.

Canadian Dollar At 9-Year Low **Upsets NAFTA**

By Anne Swardson Washington Post Service
TORONTO — The north end of NAFTA is having a currency crisis of its own. On Wednesday, the Canadian dol-lar hit a nine-year low against the U.S. currency, and analysts nnte that two major events

weaken the currency further. ister Jean Chrenen is to propose a budget crafted to curb deficits that are proportionately among the largest in the industrial

world. At some point in the spring or summer, citizens of the province of Quebec will vote on whether to separate from the

Already, international investors whn fear that the budget will not cut spending enough and that Quebec will leave are bailing out of the Canadian currency. Since October, it has fallen 5 percent against the U.S. dollar, closing Wednesday at a nine-year low of 70.88 American cents. Since 1991, it has declined

given up nn."

form Party, said: "Mexico has Cbiapas. We bave Quebec. class. Canada has a feel-good, be-happy federal government. People are going to start draw-ing conclusions."

The chief nne is that its gnvernment spends too much. Ot-tawa's budget deficit is equivalent to 5.4 percent of Canada's

gross domestic product, compared with 2.6 percent for the United States. Canada must borrow heavily to finance the deficit and more than 40 percent ni those junds loom on the borizon that could

By early March. Prime Min-

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"I think it will go lower," said Andrew Pyle, chief Canadian economist for MMS International, "The chances we've had to stabilize the situation, we've

Core Inflation In U.S. Lowest

pressed in December by a decline in the cost of housing, consumer prices crept up to 2.7 percent to con-elude the fourth straight year of modest inflation and the best performance, when food and energy are

particularly impressed with inflation's moderation in the service sector, which ran at a 2.9 percent pace during 1994, down from 3.8

This is the labor-intensive area, accounting for 56 percent of the consumer price index, where gains in productivity are generally hardest to achieve

"The forces of disinflation are really powerful," said Stephen Roach, an economist at Morgan Stanley & Co., nating that services inflation during the current business expansion has been far below that of the 1986, the fourth year of the preceding expansion.

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Sony Looks for Road to Wellville Studio Oversight Chiefs Say Goodbye to Hollywood

International Herald Tribune, Thursday, January 12, 1995

By Bernard Weinraub and Geraldine Fabrikant

LOS ANGELES — After a year of staggering losses and management turmoil in its film business, Sony Cnrp. has be-gun overhauling its studio operations to prove that it can make money in Hollywood.

One of the first steps has been to shift much of the nversight of the business out of southern California and into New York under the direction of Jeff Sagansky, the former president of CBS Entertainment whn was hired by Sony four months ago.

Among other measures, Sony is seeking to reduce its risks on making movies by bringing in financial partners on some films. The company is also focusing on inexpensive movies, hoping to steer away from making big-budget flops such as "The Last Action Hero."

All of this comes in reponse to the financial loss that Sony announced in November, when it said it would write off \$3.2 billion to reflect the diminished value and accumulated losses of Columbia Pictures and Tristar Pictures, which the company acquired

tives wonder whether these moves are sufficient — and note that the first good measure will not come until the box-office results are totaled after the summer movie season people close to the company say Sony was compelled to make some big moves.

"Schulhof has no other choice," said one executive close to the company, referring to Michael P. Schulhof. president of Sony Corp. of America.

Sony executives refused to comment for this article. The decision to oversee the

The Big Picture

After sevaral years of growth; the film operation has more recently represented a shrinking share of Sony's overall business.

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Maurice Flies Solo, BA Ditches Saatchi

By Erik Ipsen

LONDON - Maurice Saatchi, the former chairman of Saatchi & Saatchi PLC. announced Wednesday that he would start a new agency as British Airways became the first client to terminate its contract with the nld agency.

British Airways, in a communique to Saatchi & Saatchi announcing its decision, cited "uncertainty arising from recent events." It was not known if BA would transfer its account to Mr. Saatchi's new

Saatchi & Saatchi also revealed Wednesday that four key executives had walked out of the firm, bringing the total in seven in the wake of Mr. Saatchi's departure.

Industry abservers said the damage to Saatchi & Saatchi was substantial. "Saatchi's has had its day as the leading and by far and away largest London agency," said Alex Benady, an editor at Advertising magazine. "Many of their clients will take a few weeks to leave, but they will leave."

While no one was predicting that Saatchi & Saatchi would lose all its accounts or that it would go out of business, analysts

said that they expected it would take years

movie division from New York

under Mr. Sagansky effectively diminishes the role of Alan J.

Levine, president of Sony Pic-

tures Entertainment, and

Mark Canton, chairman of the

Columbia/Tristar Motion Pic-

ture Cos., who are based in Los

anxiety and puzzlement at the already troubled Sony stu-

Mr. Sagansky has had a mixed

track record in films. He

served as president of produc-

tion of Tristar and later as the

studin's president in the late

1980s, but the studio pro-

over, Sony's creative efforts

have taken annther turn with

a focus on fewer big-ticket

films. Over the past twn years,

Columbia and Tristar have

fumbled badly on \$50-mil-

linn-plus films that have with-

These movies, including

"l'll Dn Anything" and

"Mary Shelley's Franken-stein," coupled with numer-

ous less expensive duds such as "My Life," "Blankman," and "The Road to Wellville,"

have led the company to place

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ered at the box office.

With Mr. Sagansky taking

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The decision has stirred

While successful at CBS

for the company to stabilize.

For Maurice Saatchi, however, the losses of the firm he and his brother Charles founded 24 years agn dn nnt necessarily translate into gains for his new firm. Analysts predicted a long hard struggle to build an agency.

Advertising executives concede that

anyone can set up an ad agency. They note that it requires little capital and that Maurice Saatchi has excellent elient contacts to draw upon. The problem for Mr. Saatchi See SAATCHI, Page 13

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Dieter Bock Steers Lonrho Into 1995

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By Erik Ipsen nal Herald Triba ONDON - In his maiden performance as the sole chief excoutive of Lonhro PLC, Dieter Bock is expected to unveil on Thursday a sharp turnaround in its fortunes. Analysis expect 1994 profit from continuing operations of the far-flung conglomerate, whose diverse divisions include African gold mines and Caribbean hntels, to have jumped to around £105 million (\$164 million), a gain of nearly 40

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percent over the previous year. For Mr. Bock, Thursday will bring the first opportunity to put his stamp on the company. After two years as Lonhro's joint chief executive, he officially took sole possession of the belm twn weeks ago, after the departure of Roland "Tiny" Rowland, the man who had led

Lonhro for 34 years. "Bock at last has got the reins, and Tiny is no longer in there dragging his feet," said David Hallum, an analyst at

Williams de Broe PLC.
Expectations that Lonhro's new leader will substantially revamp the company, selling some units, floating parts of others and rightening control over the remainder, helped Lonrho shares easily ontperform the broad-market average in London last year,

Analysts think the value of the company's holdings is also on the rise. This company is not about current earnings," said Nigel Utley, an analyst at Nomura Research Institute. "It is more

about what its assets are worth." Esti-

mates of the value of Lonrho's underlying assets range from 180 pence in 260 pence per share. Lonrho shares closed at 156 pence on Wednesday, down 2.5

Adrian Foulger, an analyst with Rob-ert Fleming Securities Ltd., said Lonrho has not squeezed as much profit out of its assets as it should have.

Lourho's hotel operations, which include the Metropole chain in Britain and

Mr. Bock must convince investors that those assets that do not produce good results will be disposed of.

the Princess chain, largely in the Carib-bean, provide an example of this. Bob Carpenter, an analyst at Kleinwort Ben-son Securities Ltd., estimated that the Princess chain alone is worth £250 million. Yet he said he expected the chain to earn a paltry £5 million this year. "If they can't do any better than that," he said they should get out of the business."
The potential for a huge turnaround in

Lonbro's hotels division, nne of the company's largest, encourages investors.

Mr. Bock came to Lonrho two years ago with a strong background in hotel management: Owning hotels in his narive Germany had earned him a pile of analysts and that are all of the strong background in hotel managements. cash. Analysts said that one of Mr.

Bock's first steps may be to combine the company's botels into one group and thus cut management nverheads.

Analysts said the company may dn the same with its nnnmining interests in Africa, which range from bus manufacturing in Zimbabwe to mntorcycle distribution in Nigeria. By knitting those diverse entities eloser together, analysts said Lonhrn might be able to cut costs and

increase management control.

There also has been talk if a partial floatation if the company's combined African nonmining activities. That would generate cash, and, more importantly, would finally attach a firm market value to those operations, presum-ably nne well above their book value.

For a long time, Lonrho had valued its stake in Ashanri Goldfields Corp., a huge gold mine it co-owns with the gov-ernment of Ghana, at just £113 million. "It was only when it was floated that people said: "Hang on, this is a real gold mine here," said Roger Chaplin, a mining analyst at C. Hoare & Co.

After its partial floatation last year, the market value of Lonhro's 43 percent stake in Ashanti was set at £485 million. Many analysts think Mr. Bock will fullow up on that success by floating some of Lonhro's holdings in two South African and the success of the success of the south African and the success of can platinum mines. Mr. Chaplin calculated the combined worth of those stakes at £450 million.

In contrast to the mounting optimism among investors and analysts toward Lonhro, questions persist about the di-

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Ray of Light For Sweden

In Bond Sale

STOCKHOLM — Sweden got a dose of good news nn Wednesday as investors, many apparently dimestic, aggressively bid for bonds in the country's first auction of 1995, despite concern nver large spending cuts that the government needs in make to trim its budget deficit.

interest rates rose from the previous auction, but yields were down from Tuesday's levels on outstanding issues. The market was shaken Tuesday by the size of spending cuts contained in the government's budget.

"It looks like Swedish investors are not so negative about the budget," said Lars Orrevall, chief investment officer fur fixed-income securities at Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken Fonder, Sweden's largest fund management company. "I've heard foreigners say the cuts weren't enough, but it's Swed-ish investors whn will decide the direction of government bonds now, and they are not as pessi-mistic as foreign investors."

Investors in the new bonds shrugged off a downgrade of Swedish government debt by Moody's Investors Service Inc. last week. In cutting Sweden's long-term debt rating to Aa3 from Aa2, Moody's cited the size of Sweden's public debt.

At the Wednesday auctinn, Sweden accepted 8 billion kronor (\$1 billion) in bids for its bonds due in 2000 and 2003, the Swedish National Debt office said. A total of 11 billion kronor in bids were submitted for 4 billion kronor worth of fiveyear bonds, which produced an average yield of 10.73 percent, up from 10.517 percent at the previous auction.

A total of 9.5 billion kronor was bid for the 4 billion kronor worth of bonds due in 2003, producing an average yield of 10.97 percent, up from 10.783 percent at the previous auction.

In secondary trading nn
Wednesday, the benehmark 10year government bond yield fell
to 11.12 percent from 11.21 percent on Tuesday, and shorterterm returns also were lower. On Tuesday, the Swedish

On Tuesday, the Swedish government promised 21.7 billion kronor in spending cuts over three and a half years.

The 1994-95 budget deficit is set to reach 189 billion kronor from 177.1 billion in 1993-94.

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EUROPEAN FUTURES

Peso's Declines Hit Earnings Outlook

Compiled by that Staff From Dispatchet NEW YORK - Stocks closed slightly lower Wednesay after a late surge in Apple Computer offset concern that a three-week slide in the Mexican peso will damage some companies' 1995 earnings.

Apple jumped 1/16, to 46%, on reports that International

U.S. Stocks

Business Machines Corp. would buy Apple.

There probably will be admanaging director for equity trading at HSBC Asset Management. "There's a fair amount of U.S. companies that have operations in Mexico, and that's contributing to weakness in a number of these stocks."

Stocks were lower despite a pickup in bond prices. The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond was 10/32, to 96 4/32. yielding 7.84 percent. down from 7.87 percent on Tuesday. supported by low-inflation

The Dow Jones industrial average declined 4.71 points, to to 63%.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by 11 to 10 on the New York Stock Exchange. where volume totaled 346.3 million shares.

U.S. banking issues fell sharply on worries that the banks could suffer steep losses in Latin America. Citicorp lost 114, 10 4014.

Despite concern about the Mexican crisis, the American shares of Mexican stocks were

Teléfonos de México's Amerjustments to earnings because ican depositary receipts main-of currency concerns in Mexico." said Joseph DeMarco. on the NYSE and closed 1% higher, at 35%.

> Concern about the effect of Mexico on U.S. earnings was heightened when Federal-Mogul, an auto parts maker, said it would not meet analysts' earnings forecast, because of the drop in the Mexican peso.
> Federal-Mogul dropped 5%.

Among pharmaceuticals. Warner-Lambert dropped 114. to 74%. Smithkline Beecham dropped 'a, to 3334. Pfizer eased 14. to 75. and Eli Lilly dipped 17.

(Bloomberg, AP)

DOLLAR: Canadian Pessimism

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come from outside the country. The country's currency has been falling since last October when Fioaoce Minister Paul Martin made a speech in which he said as much about raising

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taxes as about cutting spending, causing international investors to lose faith in the currency.

"If he relies heavily on tax increases, it won't fly in the markets," said Patti Croft, senior economist and vice president with the investment firm Wood Gundy, "Canada already is one of the most heavily taxed countries in the world,"

Investors may also be departing because of the apparent uowillingness of Canadians to sacrifice social programs to help

reduce the deficit. The situation in Mexico also has reflected on Canada. The European and Japanese investors now examining their portfoall of their North American in-

Canada has contributed

about \$1 billion to join the

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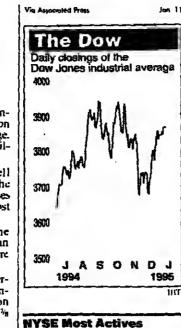
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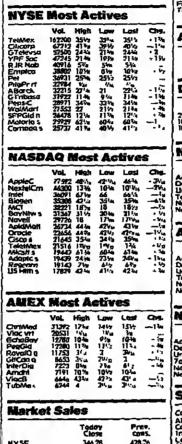
The dollar rose against the Deutsche mark on Wednesday after a two-day slump as turmoil in European markets abated. easing demand for the German currency, Bloomberg Business

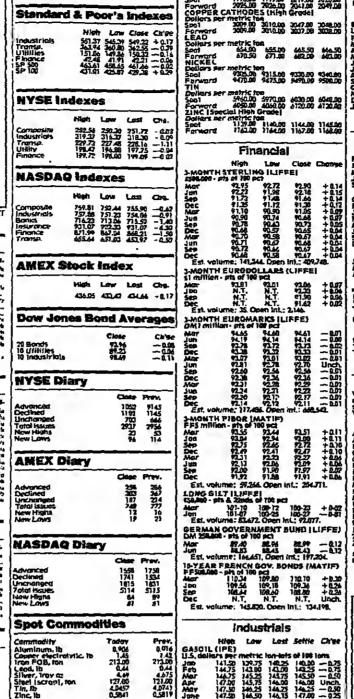
News reported from New York. The dollar closed at 1.5360 DM. up from 1.5338 DM on Tuesday, although it slipped to 100.045 yen from 100.110 yen.

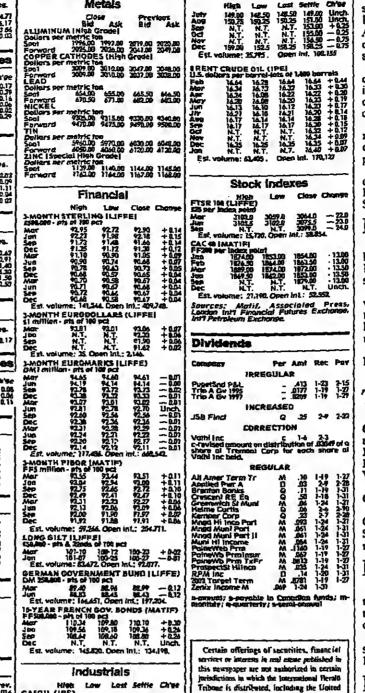
Late rebounds in the Spanish peseta and the Italian lira helped the dollar rise from its eight-week low against the mark on Tuesday. The dollar had slumped against the mark Tuesday as investors sold pesetas and lire for dollars and then sold dollars for marks.

In Londoo on Wednesday. countries' economic problems the mark touched a record high spring from different roots, but of 1,061.60 lira before edgion back to close at 1,057.30, down from 1.057.70 oo Tuesday. lios probably are encouraged by Against the peseta, the mark the Mexican situation to review touched a record high of 87.90 before closing at 86.90 pesetas, down from 87.08 Tuesday.









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CUPERTINO, California - Apple Computer Inc. shares rallied strongly on Wedoesday on speculation that the company was a takeover target.

In heavy over-the-counter trading, Apple jumped \$3.063, to \$46.75, on reports that International Business Machines Corp. would be the ultimate buyer of Apple at \$60 a share. Both Apple and IBM refused to com-

"If Apple is to be bought, the logical

buyer is IBM," Bruce Lupatkin, an analyst at Hambrecht & Quist, said told CNBC, a financial news television network, "They'd have to buy Apple to preserve their strate-gy." Mr. Lupatkin was quick to add that this did not necessarily mean Apple was up

IBM, Apple and Motorola Inc. jointly developed the PowerPC microprocessor to compete with lotel Corp.'s top-of-the-line

"It's critical for IBM to control the PowerPC architecture." Mr. Lupatkin

said. "IBM would be really foolish to let somebody else control Apple and therefore to control the success or failure of the Power PC architecture, which IBM owns and has invested so much money in.

On the New York Stock Exchange, IBM fell 75 cents, to \$75.875.

Last week, there were reports that Oracle Corp., Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. and Philips Electronics NV of the Netberlands were discussing the possibility of taking over Apple for a price analysis said could exceed \$7.1 billion.

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British Tobacco Firm Cuts U.S. Jobs

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky. (Bloomberg) — Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp., the U.S. unit of BAT Industries PLC of Britain, will cut as many as 1.680 jobs as it consolidates its American Tobacco Co. operations. BAT bought American Tobacco Co. co from American Brands Inc. last month for \$1 billion after settling an antitrust suit with the Federal Trade Commission.

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 Dylex Ltd., Canada's largest clothing retailer, said it would close almost a quarter of its 877 stores and eliminate 10 percent of ciose almost a quarter of its 6/7 stores and chiminate 10 pertent of its work force in an attempt to return to profitability. The company unveiled the plan after securing court protection from creditors Wednesday, gaining time to implement the proposal.

• Medaphis Corp. plans to eliminate 29 percent of its 7,000-member work force over the next two years as it adopts new computer technology for paperwork. The San Francisco company

provides billing services for hospitals and medical groups.

 John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co. said it would lay off 10 percent of its workers, or 460 employees, at its Boston headquarters as part of a cost-cutting effort that it said would save \$100 million annually.

Borland Chairman Curtails His Role

SCOTTS VALLEY, California (Combined Dispatches) — Borland International Inc. said its controversial founder, Philippe Kahn, resigned as president and chief executive of the struggling

software company.

Gary Wetsel, executive vice president and chief financial officer, will take over Mr. Kahn's titles. Mr. Kahn, 42, remains chairman, responsible for developing the company's strategy. Mr. Wetsel said he planned to cut at least 500 of the 1,700 jobs at Borland and that a restructuring plan would be unveiled in the coming weeks.

Borland, once the third-largest independent software company, has seen its share of the business-program market dwindle. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

Trade Commission Gets Shell to Sell

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) - Royal Dutch/Shell Group has agreed to divest the polypropylene assets of its U.S. unit, Shell Oil Co., to settle antitrust concerns regarding Royal Dutch/Shell's planned \$6 billion polypropylene joint venture with Montedisoo SpA of Italy, according to a statement issued Wednesday by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission.

The settlement will require Shell Oil to sell the assets to Union Carbide Corp., or to another buyer approved by the commission. Separately, the British-Dutch group said it wanted to sell two Colombian oil companies it bought from Tenneco Inc. in 1988. Shell bought the Hocol SA and Homcol Inc. units for \$500 (Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg)

Lockheed-Marietta Gets Approval

WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) - Lockheed Corp.'s \$10 billion merger with Martin Marietta Corp. received Federal Trade Commission approval Wednesday, removing the final government obstacle to creating the world's largest military-hardware maker.

An agreement with the Federal Trade Commission imposes some restrictions on the combined company's satellite, spacelaunch vehicles, and military-aircraft operations.

Hoberman Leaves Disney Studio

LOS ANGELES (LAT) - Less than a year after his promotion to president of motion pictures at Walt Disney Studios, David Hoberman has resigned to take a five-year, multipleture productioo deal with the company.

'Ultimately he wants to bave his own shop as a producer and what is best for me is to have my own direct point of view." said Joe Roth, the head of Walt Disney Studios.

Alcoa Posts Fourth-Quarter Profit

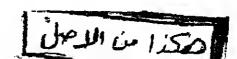
PITTSBURGH (Bloomberg) — Aluminum Co. of America on Wodnesday posted a fourth-quarter profit \$368 million, reversing a loss of \$16.7 million a year ago, Revenue rose 30 percent, to \$3.05 billion from \$2.34 billion a year earlier, reflecting an extraordinary gain and a sharp increase in aluminum prices. Excluding the gain, sales rose 14 percent.

Bankers Trust Debt Downgraded

NEW YORK (AP) - Coocerned about Bankers Trust New York Corp.'s involvement in derivatives, Standard & Poor's Corp. lowered its credit rating on the bank's debt Tuesday. The ratings change affects \$5.6 billion of outstanding debt. S&P reduced Bankers Trust's senior debt rating to A-plus from AA-minus.

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PARIS — Five companies have shown an interest in taking stakes of at least 10 percent Group Bull, José Rossi, France's industry minister said on Wednesday.

The government, which owns most of Bull, is in the process of selling stakes to companies and Bull employees, rather than through a public offering.

"Five industrial groups will enter, through their offers, in the category of significant shareholders who plan to take a stake of at least 10 percent in the company," Mr. Rossi said.

Overall, 10 companies had registered interest in Bull, he said, but five wanted a stake smaller than 10 percent and therefore would not be considered by the government Mr. Rossi did not disclose the

identity of the bidders. Only NEC Corp. of Japan has announced that it wants to raise its current 4 percent stake in Bull to more than 10 percent.

International Business Machines Corp., which now has a 1.8 percent stake, has not revealed its intentions, but is not expected to increase its holding.

AT&T Corp. had considered bidding for a stake in Bull, but dropped its plans when it realized it would not be able to use The stake to gain greater access to the European telecommuni-

On Dec. 29. Buil shareholders approved a change in the company's capital which increased the government's stake in Bull to 79.6 percent from 75.8 percent in return for 2.6 billion francs (\$489 million).

At the same time, France Telecom, which has a 14.3 percent stake, gave Bull 561 million francs in fresh capital. France Telecom is also state-owned.

Jean-Marie Descarpentries. chairman of Bull, said last month he expected the company lo post a 1994 operating profit of between 100 million and 300 million francs. He also said he expected a return to net profitability in 1995.

The privatization of Bull is expected to be completed later this year. After pumping \$2.1 billion into the company, the government promised the European Commission that Bull vould be privatized.

■ Nuclear Plant in China Mr. Rossi said he would visit Beijing this weekend to sign a contract for the construction of a nuclear power plant in southern China, AFP-Extel News report-

ed from Paris. Mr. Rossi said the main contract would be worth 10 billion to 11 billion francs (\$1.9 billion to \$2.1 billion), and a separate equipment deal was valued at about 2 billion francs. The project involves Framatome SA, GEC Alsthom, Alcatel-Alsthom

and Electricité de France.

Retailer Fights for Time Karstadt Wants the Right to Stay Open

FRANKFURT - The battle lines for exlending store hours in Germany have been drawn by Karstadt AG. the country's largest retailer, in a war analysts say will pil Karstadt against unions and many other retailers.

At present, under laws dating from the last century. German stores are closed on Sundays and public holidays and musi close at 6:30 P.M. on most weekdays and at 2:00 P.M. on three out of four Saturdays each month. Walter Deuss, chairman of Karstadt, said

he believed an industry consensus could be built by 1995 to liberalize hours. But his proposal has met criticism from the main retail-industry union and from some of

Germany's major retailers. "We see no serious initiative in Bonn to change closing hours," a spokesman for the main German retail union in Düsseldorf said. We think the industry is well-served and is doing well with the current rules."

In an interview with the Süddeutsche Zeilung, Mr. Deuss proposed that weekday store hours be extended to 8:00 P.M. and that Saturday bours also be extended.

The push for longer store hours comes after German retailers suffered one of their worst years in history, which included the first drop in sales in about 30 years.

The government of Chancellor Helmut Kohl said last year it wanted to review the shop-hour laws, but decided to pul off any action until after the October elections.

Economics Minister Günter Rexrodt, who has signaled support for liberalizing hours, plans to meet in two weeks with industry officials, a ministry spokesman said.

The Free Democratic Party, a junior partner in the government coalition, has long pushed for an extension of store hours. Otto Graf Lambsdorff, a former economics minister who is now the party's economic-affairs spokesman, supported Mr. Deuss's proposal.
Mr. Lambsdorff, in a radio interview, said
the hours could be extended at the latest by 1996. But he also said stores should decide

Consumer-advocacy groups have long pushed for relaxation of the laws, arguing that

Consumer-advocacy groups argue that longer store hours are needed to serve the growing number of women and single parents in the work force...

Germany's retailers must transform themselves into more efficient consumer-driven

They also argue that the growing number of women and single parents in the work force require extending store hours.

But the German Federation of Retailers, of which Mr. Deuss is a vice president, said that between 85 percent and 90 percent of its membership wanted current store hours to be left unchanged.

Many retailers also argue that the longer hours would hurt competition in an industry already criticized for being concentrated in the hands of a small number of large players.

Further, some retailers argue that longer hours would raise operating costs without encouraging people to spend more, while unions claim workers would have to work anti-social hours.

Harry Christophoulos, an analyst at Bar-clays de Zoete Wedd, said that if changes come, "it will be a slow, step-by-step pro-

Italiano **Set to Raise Bank Bid**

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches MILAN - Credito Italiano SpA's board cleared the way for the bank to raise its bid for Credito Romagnolo SpA, Credito Italiano said Wednesday.
A spokesman said a new bid

was likely to be announced at the end of the month. The bank. which has been trying to acquire Credito Romagnolo since Octo-ber, will have to outbid Cassa di Risparmio delle Province Lornbarde, known as Cariplo, which has a 3.291-trillion-lire t\$2 billion) offer on the table.

Credito Italiano has bid 2.8 trillion lire, or 20,000 lire a share, for 65 percent of the Bologna-based bank, and a spokesman would not say how much that bid would be raised.

Cariplo in mid-December said it and Istituto Mobiliare Italiano SpA and Cassa di Ri-sparmio di Bologna planned to offer 21,500 lire a share for 70

percent of Romagnolo. Under Italian takeover law, any competing offer from Credito Italiano must be announced before Jan. 31 and must be 5 percent over Cariplo's bid. But the law does not make it clear if the price per share must be 5 percent higher or the total amount of the takeover must be 5 percent higher. If it is the latter, Credito Italiano could leave its bid at 20,000 lire per share but bid for all of Romagnolo's.

Because of the higher stakes, Credito Italiano is considering adding allies to its efforts. Carimonte Banca SpA, a smaller Bologna-based bank, has said it has discussed with Credito Italiano the possibility of a joint bid.

Separately, in a letter to shareholders to appear in the press Thursday, Credito Romagnolo reilerated that it favored Cariplo's offer as being better for the company and its shareholders.

(Bloomberg, Reuters, AFX) ■ Italy Delays Steel Sale

Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale, the Italian state bolding company, said Wednesday that Riva Prodotti Siderurgici SpA had submitted the best offer for the government's remaining steel operations, Bloomberg Business News reported, But IRI said it wanted a higher offer before it would agree to the sale, which it intends to complete by Feb. 28.

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Very briefly:

 Volkswagen AG's Spanish unit SEAT said it expected to post a loss of about 50 billion pesetas (\$375 million) in 1994, narrowed from the loss of 151 billion in 1993.

• Germany's Federal Cartel Office said it expected to extend by seven days the deadline for a decision on Hochtief AG's bid to raise its stake in Philipp Holzmann AG to 49 percent from 20

RJR Nabisco Holdings Corp. said it has agreed to acquire the Finnish tobacco producer Oy PC Rettig Ab.

• KLM Royal Dutch Airlines said it would not increase the book value of its stake in its U.S. affiliate Northwest Airlines this year in spite of a successful refinancing of Northwest's debt. KLM has pumped \$400 million into Northwest.

• Guinness PLC said it has reorganized its United Distillers unit to focus on high-growth areas in Latin America and the Far East. Crédit Lyonnais Bank Nederland NV said it expected to cut 400 jobs in 1995 and the beginning of 1996.

• United Biscuits Holdings PLC said it would cut 980 jobs due to closure of a British factory.

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France Takes to the Highway to Protect Its Culture

of Seven industrial countries.

from the France's Ministry of Culture, vice president Al Gore, an early advosays France will argue at the G-7 meeting next month that creation of a high-on a global level. The rest of the G7 culture is under threat from an onallowed to undermine cultural diversity. Germany, Italy, and Japan.

the information highway, according to a discuss ways to build the so-called infor- culture. position paper prepared for an upcom- mation highway, epitomized by global

becoming uniform or cultures being lev- high-technology industry in Europe, but use its six-month presidency of the Eu- vide long-term guarantees.

not at the price of seeing European -PARIS — France has decided to take The G-7 meeting, to be held in Brus- and particularly French — culture its fight to protect European culture to sels on Feb. 25-26, has been called to swamped by a tidal wave of foreign

Each country should be able to set a ing meeting of leaders from the Group computer networks, electronic libraries "framework for supporting local cultural production" and to impose "specific and new audiovisual technologies. The paper, made available by officials Among those due to attend is the U.S. requirements to preserve cultural and

tech information highway must not be comprises Britain, Canada, France, slaught of Hollywood film and televilowed to undermine cultural diversity. Germany, Italy, and Japan. sion programming and by the related "Putting the information society in The French paper makes clear that encreachment of English.

ropean Union, which began on Jan. 1, to "reinforce European cultural identity."

PolyGram Pushes for Incentives

PolyGram NV told the European Commission that financial incentives to encourage large investments in films are the key to developing a bealthy and competitive audiovisual industry in Europe, AFP-Extel News reported from Amsterdam.

In a memorandum to the commission, PolyGram proposed that an independent international financial institution place must not lead to either content Paris wants to encourage a jobs-creating Most recently, France said it would be mandated by member states to pro-

Intelsat Insures Launches

PARIS - Intelsat, the U.S. satellite operator, has signed a record \$2 billion insurance contract for 10 satellite launches, the insurance firm International Space Brokers Inc. said

Olivier du Passage, deputy managing director of Le Blanc de Nicolay, the French company in the insurance firm's partnership, said the one-time premium was \$185 million, making it the biggest contract since commercial satellite insurance began in the 1960s.

The Intelsat contract covers in place and has proven itself, it satellites on the Ariane 4 rocket, built by the European Ariane- ability, Mr. Du Passage said. space consortium, and three on China's Long March rocket.

Last year was a disaster for companies that insured space satellites, with the loss of three satellites insured for a total \$751 million. Their destruction plunged the worldwide market into a loss of about \$200 million. Despite the accidents, the

their life in orbit, Mr. Du Pas-

telsat deal accounted for 10 per-

cent of the satellite market over

the next three years.

Mr. Du Passage said the lo-

rates for satellite insurance covcrage have not risen significantly because of the growth in worldwide capacity for space insurance and increased confi-

Now the potential market capacity for insuring a single The insurance covers only the launch is around \$550 million aunch of the satellites, between and \$280 million for the satel-

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SAATCHI: New Agency Founded

Continued from Page 11 will be winning the big clients

"It would be quite brave of a Procter & Gamble or a Mars or campaigns and their commera British Airways to come oul cial future to the new group. and back Maurice in a start-up since he doesn't have any staff or infrastructure," said Tony Willis, an analyst with the bro-kerage Williams de Broe.

Analysts said, however, that if many or all of the seven senior Saatchi & Saatchi executives who have left the company now migrate to Maurice Saatmore of the advertising world's brightest lights in one fledgling firm, it might be top-heavy and might quickly need to win masurvive, they said.

"These are people who have Damage to Saatchi & Saatchi not carried their own bags in may also be limited by the conyears," said Mr. Benady. "You tracts the group has with the

lysts said. Until that network is is likely to be very difficult for advertising directors at major corporations to entrust their

Other observers pointed out that as charismatic a figure as Maurice Saatchi remains, his reputation has seen better days.

Analysis noted that those who invested in Saatchi & Saatchi al its peak in the late 1980s have now lost 98 percent of their money as the agency bas chi's new shop, it could even limped from one crisis to anothend up hobbling his venture. er in recent years, burdened by With possibly a half dozen or heavy debt and boardroom dissension.

jor international accounts to his reputation further, they added.

are going to need a big support executives who have quit. The structure beneath them to sus- group's chief executive, Charles Scott, said that be intended to The kind of structure necesshold them to their contracts, sary to serve companies that which bar them for one year want to simultaneously advertise in dozens of markets around the globe will likely take from signing on Saatchi & Saatmany months to build up. ana-chi clients.

LONRHO: Now Its Bock's Show

rection the company will take. "One of the main questions is:
What Bock will sell off and then
once be does, what be will do
with the money?" said Mr.
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Beyond that, some analysis said they doubted whether Mr. Bock, whose background has been almost exclusively in German property, is the man to transform Lonhro, which, among many other things, is the largest British investor in Africa. Others quietly question the huge values now put on some of Lonhro's nonmining assets by some analysts.

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Mr. Utley of Nomura Re-search said such Lonhro bold-ings as its car distributor and its textile manufacturing units either lose money or barely break even. "You could argue," he said, "that if that is all these assets can earn than they are

not worth much."
Convincing investors that most of the company's assets can produce decent returns. and that those that cannot will be disposed of, will be one of Mr. Bock's crucial tasks on Thursday.

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Homes In On Japan's Car Market

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TOKYO - Honda Motor Co., the only Japanese carmaker that sells more cars in the United States than to Japan, said Wednesday it was aiming to boost its sales in Japan by almost 50 percent by the end of century.

Under a three-year plan scheduled to take effect in April 1996. Honda will work to increase its domestic auto sales to 800,000 cars a year, up 45.7 percent from from its sales last year. Honda projected its sales in Ja-pan in 1995 would rise 9.3 percent, to 600,000 cars, following a drop of 5.2 percent last year.

Honda also said it intended to maintain domestic production at about 1 million automobiles a year. Last year, the company manufactured 997.726 vehicles at home, down 13.3 percent. This year, Honda estimates production in Japan will rise to 1.06 million cars.

"We will work to huild a new Hooda in Japan," said Nohuhiko Kawamoto, president of the company.

Mr. Kawamoto said he anticipated that Honda's sales growth would be driven by recreational vehicles. Honda is a latecomer to the segment, which is growing in Japan. The company began selling its first minivan, the Odyssey, in October, but exeentives said Wednesday that more models are in the works.

Honda shares rose 10 yen, to

The new strategy has been set at a time when Japanese carmakers grapple with declining profitability on exports, which

Mr. Kawamoto denied recent speculation that Honda was preparing to begin car produc-tion in China. "There has been no discussion about producing

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Very briefly:

- Daimler-Benz AG is to invest more than 5 billion Deutsche marks (\$3.25 billion) in Asia, including taking a public listing in China and trading its shares in Singapore, said Edzard Reuter, the company's chairman.
- · Orient Overseas Container Line Ltd., a Hong Kong shipping company, and American President Lines, a U.S. shipper. will launch their first direct trans-Pacific service to China since 1949 next month, docking at Yantian port, near Hong Kong.
- · Komatsu Ltd. and International Business Machines Corp. are negotiating joint development of personal computers for use in factory automation, the Japanese company said.
- · Sanyo Electric Co.'s president, Yasuaki Takano, said the company would report an operating profit for the year to November, reversing its 1993 loss of 19.4 hillion yen (\$194 million). He also said the company planned to establish a telephone manufacturing venture in China
- Marubeni Corp. and Nippon Paper Industries Co. of Japan plan to join a \$1 hillion pulp project in Indonesia with Barito Pacific Timber Group.
- . China will aim to curb steel imports to 10 million metric tons this year, half as much as last year, saying any greater volume would harm its steel companies, the official China News Service reported.
- China's tax revenue grew 25.5 percent in 1994, indicating the success of tax reforms which began at the start of last year, the official China Daily reported. • China International Capital Corp., the first Chinese-foreign merchant hank is to be launched in February, the Xinhua news
- agency reported. The bank's biggest partners are Morgan Stanley Group and the People's Construction Bank of China. Bohai Brewery, China's largest bankrupt state-owned company,
- was sold at auction for 54 million yuan (\$6 million) to a venture involving Foster's Brewing Group of Australia. • Fuiltsu Ltd. plans to invest \$140 million during the next two
- years on a new plant in the Philippines to produce bard-disk drives for the global market. The company said it would set up a wholly owned subsidiary in the Philippines next month.

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NTT Promises To Open Lines To Competitors

By Steven Brull

nal Heruli Trimme TOKYO - The president of Nippon Telegraph & Tele-phone Corp. affirmed Wednesday that the company would open its local phone lines to "all competitors, regardless of their

But rivals said NTT's statement was one of principle rather than practice, and that the say they expect NTT to demand domestic telephone colossus access charges that will deny would try to restrict access in order to blunt competition.

"NTT can say it will provide access, but they're not very happy about doing that," said Sachio Semmoio, senior vice president and co-founder of DDI Corp., Japan's second-biggest lelecommunications company. They can make it impossible -through high prices, not pro-

cessing paperwork, and so on." NTT's president, Masashi Kojima, said Wednesday that the company would allow rival telephone, cahle-television and data-transmission-service operators to tap into its nationwide yen (\$400 million) in a joint vennetwork. His comments were a public affirmation of a Dec. 28 agreement with the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications competition with NTT is crucial that ended NTT's historie claim to control network access.

NTT's concession followed years of fruitless negotiations Japan Plans Rescue Bank with DDI, Japan Telecom Co. and privately held Teleway Ja-pan Corp., which sought permission to use the former government monopoly's lines for corporate data networks. Under intense pressure from a ministry concerned that the power and strength of NTT impeded development of advanced telecommunications services in Japan, NTT was forced to accept the principle of open access to its network.

In exchange, the ministry gave NTT something it desperately wanted: an increase in local phone rates, which remain extremely low by global standards. But while NTT will see its revenue from local calls increase, it is not clear to what extent consumers will be able to enjoy new and cheaper telecommunications services made possible through access to NTT's network.

While NTT has agreed in principle to open its network, the price of access is negotiable. If access charges are set at high levels, new services could be un-

competitive or simply not viable. For the low-powered, mobile digital phones known as persocial handy phones, a service where NTT competes with DDI rival competitors a pricing ad-

'It's managed competition," said Peter Wolff, senior analyst at CS First Boston (Japan) Ltd.

Consumers will pay. For cahle-television providers counting on revenues from telephony to justify the befty capital investments required to lay cable, NTT's control over pricing could make the difference between success and failure.

On Monday, Itochu Corp., Toshiba Corp., Time Warner Inc. and U S West International said they would invest 40 billion ture to provide cable television in Japan, But access to NTT's network at a price that will allow to the entire business plan, Itochu executives said.

The Bank of Japan, Sumi-

tomo Bank Ltd. and Shinkumi Federation Bank plan to set up a special rescue unit next week to bail out two ailing credit unions, Reuters reported.

Banking-industry sources said the new bank was likely to start operations sometime in February, headed by Hisayasu Noguchi, currently chairman of both ailing credit unions, Anzen Credit Bank and Tokyo Kyowa Credit Association. Leaders from the three

founding banks will meet on Friday, the sources said. The BOJ will provide 20 billion yen of capital for the new bank, Sumitomo 900 million and Shinkumi 600 million, the sources said. They said other private banks would invest additional capital later, with total

investments eventually reach-

ing 40 billion yen. .

China Sets Grain Targets

BELIING - The key to increasing China's food production to meet the needs of its growing population is protecting farmland from development, the agricultural minister said in a report Wednesday.

China's arable land has long been small. compared with its population, and much of this land has been lost to industrial development and urban sprawl in recent decades. Per capita farmland in China decreased

from 0.018 hectares (0.04 acres) to 0.0086 hectares in the past 40 years, about one-third of the world's average farmland per capita, the Xinhua news agency reported.

China's rapid economic development and population growth of 15 million people per year will continue to erode the country's farmland, Liu Jiang, the agriculture minister, said. emphasized a oeed for better pollution control. China's goal is to be self-sufficient in grain. Its target is a grain production increase of 2.3

He called for tougher measures to protect land needed for crops, especially grain, and

percent in 1995, to 455 million tons, and a 5.8 percent cotton production increase. to 4.5 million tons, Mr. Liu said.

Before 1993, grain imports were larger than exports. But in the past two years. China has become a net grain exporter. The government last year encouraged

farmers to grow grain and cotton by raising its purchase price of grain by 40 percent and cotton by 60 percent. Farmers had been unwilling to grow as much grain and cotton in recent years because of low profits.

China's leaders have promised more investmeot in agriculture and development of rural

Part of the plan for agriculture is to try to attract overseas investment and to import foreign farm technology during its next five-year plan, from 1996-2000, Mr. Liu said.

Grain production in 1994 was down 10 hillion kilograms (11 million tons) because of natural disasters, but production of cottoo, oil-bearing crops, vegetables, meat and sea-food increased.

Inflation Rate Falls in Major Cities

cent from 24.9 percent in November, the State Statistical Bureau of China reported

Inflation in major urban areas peaked in September, when 14 of the 35 major cities recorded year-on-year inflation rates above 30 percent. In December, only four of the 35 had an annual consumer-price inflation rate over 30 percent.

"China has passed the worst of the inflation, provided the government can continue its prudent monetary policy," said Ma Guonan, an economist with Peregrine Brokerage Ltd. China's overall inflation rate for 1994 was

24.2 percent, according to preliminary estimates released by the government at the end

was still being fed by last summer's poor HONG KONG - The annual rate of con- weather, which pushed up food prices. Sharpsumer-price inflation in 35 major Chinese ly higher wages for state employees also concities fell slightly in December, to 24.1 per-tributed to inflation, he said.

■ Efficiency Up, But Many Firms in Red China's industrial efficiency rose in 1994 as output soared, but nearly a quarter of the nation's state-owned companies lost money. Reuters reported from Beijing.

Industrial output soared 17.5 percent in 1994, to 1.62 trillion yuan (\$190 billion), compared with a rise of 21.1 percent in 1993, the State Statistical Bureau said.

Output from the state sector grew 5.5 percent on the year, far more slowly than output for the private sector, which grew 21.4 percent, an official from the statistical bureau said.

The bureau admitted to setbacks in industrial development, saying that nearly a quarter of industrial enterprises — state-owned and collective — posted losses, although it Mr. Ma said the country's inflation rate said the numbers were dropping.

Chinese Court Raps Patent Violators

BEIJING - A court in southern China has

closed 20 factories that were found guilty of breaking laws governing intellectual property rights, the Xinhua news agency reported on Wednesday.

On Dec. 26, a court in Guangzhou ordered the factories to stop infringing a patent held by the Kangbao Electrical Appliances Factory, Xinhua said. The factories were ordered to be sealed along with all their products.

Kangbao was China's first factory to produce a device to sterilize food bowls and registered its patent three years ago, Xinhua

signed from Sony in 1991 and

for buying out executives such as

Associates of Mr. Guber said

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Mr. Guber late last year.

said. The company filed lawsuits against the 20 factories last year, claiming that they illegally used its invention.

China has recently mounted a publicity campaign to show it is seriously tackling violations of intellectual property rights as it faces a looming trade war with the United States, which says Beijing has not done enough to protect copyrights, patents and trademarks.

Talks between China and the United States

are to resume on Jan. 18 in Beijing, and the state media have stressed that progress against piracy has been made but that the problem cannot be rapidly solved. Beijing last week ordered a national boycott of pirated goods.

1,800 yen, on Wednesday.

have been hit by the yen's sustained surge, Meanwhile, companies are struggling to keep domestic production levels up in order to avoid whas is called a hollowing out of Japan's manufacturing industries and the loss of jobs that would cause.

complete vehicles in China," he (Bloomberg, AFX)

STUDIO: After Losses, Sony Tries to Redirect Its U.S. Film Operations

Continued from Page 11

a lid on the costs of new movies. With the exception of several costly films, most of the films in release are in the range of \$20

million to \$30 million. On a broader level, Mr. Schulhof, who has been criticized ny Wall Street and the entertainment community for his management style, the quality of his top-ner appointments in Hollywood and lavisb huyouts of executives, has overbauled and in many ways repudiated numerous strategie decisions that the company has made over the past five years.

To diminish the financial risk, Sony, with about 30 films planned for release this year, is following the steps of other studios and is looking for financial partnerships on at least 10 films, Mr. Schulhof has said.

Although this would reduce the profit on hit films, it also would cut losses on flops. With costs rising — an average film costs \$30 million, with an addi-tional \$15 million for marketing

- companies are increasingly trying to hedge their bets. Paramount Pictures, a division of Viacom Inc., has adopted a similar strategy in recent months.

Sony also seems to be scaling back its expectations. Executives close to the company said it was looking for an 8 percent to 9 percent return on assets, compared with earlier expectations of an 11 percent return.

Moreover, some Hollywood executives say Sony bas hardly done enough to solve its diffi-culties and to change an opulent corporate culture. One executive at a rival movie company, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Sony's overhead was still very high, compared with other studios.

A spokeswoman for Sony said Tuesday that management con-trols were "being implemented, and part of that is reflected in moves such as the consolidation of marketing and distribution' at Columbia and Tristar.

In recent months, Sony bas laid off about 40 people after the studios' marketing and distribution sectors were merged. Hollywood executives have increasingly blamed Sony's

woes over the past five years on

Mr. Schulhof, a physicist who

rose through Sony's electronics husiness and was a protege of Sony's founder, Akio Monta. Mr. Schulhof, who does not speak Japanese, is the only American on Sony's board. Associates say he has adopted the nonconfrontational style of his

Japanese bosses.

One of Mr. Schulhof's first moves as president was the \$2 bilbon purchase in 1988 of CBS Records, a strong business with stars including Mariah Carey, Pearl Jam, Billy Joel and Milumbia, and Mike Medavoy, chael Bolton. But a year later, sony paid \$3.4 hillion and asments as high as \$20 million. Mr. Guber was crinicized for buy Columbia and its sister naming his former lawyer, Mr. company, Tristar, both then Levine, as his No. 2 executive,

controlled by Coca-Cola Co.

Mr. Schulhof shocked Hollywood by appointing Jon Peters and Peter Guber, two producers a friend and a Warner Brothers who had never run a studio, to executive, to run Columbia. bead the new movie division. Sony paid a staggering \$600 that he was told by Mr. Schul-million to buy Guber-Peters hof to keep his hands off the Entertainment and to pay a ri- day-to-day operations of the val studio, Warner Brothers, for movie business and to give his

their contract. Mr. Peters re- executives autonomy.

Smaller Bets

With a few exceptions, such as "First Knight," Sony is betting on lower-cost films this year, through the summer movie season.

TITLE (STUDIO) .

IMMORTAL BELOVED (Columbia) Jan. 6 Gery Oldman as Ludwig van Beethoven, directed by Bernard

HIGHER LEARNING (Columbia) Jan. 11 \$20-\$25 A John Singleton film about a group of college students and the tensions they face on campus.

LEGENDS OF THE FALL (Tristar) Jan. 13 A western-style drama spanning the late 1800's to the early 1960's, directed by Edward Zwick, starting Brad Plit and Anthony THE QUICK AND THE DEAD (Tristar) Feb. 10

A western with Sharon Stone, Gene Hackman and Leonardo. DiCapric, directed by Sam Raimi. March 10 \$12-\$14 HIDEAWAY (Trister) A psychological thriller based on the Dean R. Kooniz best-seller

April 7 BAD BOYS (Columbia) An action comedy starring Martin Lawrence and Will Smith.

\$10-\$15 April 21 TO DIE FOR (Columbia) . A Gus Van Sent film, starring Nicole Kidmen. MARY REILLY (Tristar) Summer. Under \$40 A maid (Julia Roberts) idolizes Dr. Jekyil (John Malkovich).

JOHNNY MNEMONIC (Tristar) Summer \$10-12 Keanu Reeves as a high-tech courier on the run. (Sony's share)

FIRST KNIGHT (Columbia)

Sources: Sony-owned studios; analysis' estimates

Connery) seen through the eyes of Lancelot (Richard Gere). THE BABYSITTER'S CLUB (Columbia) Summer/Fall One summer in the lives of seven young women, based on a very popular book series.

A romantic adventure directed by Jerry Zucker, King Arthur (Sean

But Sony executives said fr. Guber late last year. Tuesday that the hands-off role, Mr. Guber had been criticized coupled with Mr. Guber's appointments, had created a politically charged atmosphere that

left decision-making in turmoil. ■ MCA and Matsushita Meet

MCA Inc. and its parent, Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., failed to address their trouhled corporate relations in a meeting but will have to do so in the future, Bloomberg Business News quoted the electronics company as saying Wednes-day from Osaka.

After a meeting of MCA's executive committee at Matsushita headquarters, Matsushita said the chairman and the president of the U.S. entertainment subsidiary had reviewed 1994 business. The committee, which includes three top Matsushita executives, also discussed an outline of 1995 husiness.

"Other matters were not scheduled for discussion but the two companies will bave a chance to discuss these matters at some future time," Matsushita said. Japanese media reported in October that Matsushita had refused an MCA request that the U.S. unit's board be given man-

agement control. The last time the MCA and Matsushita chiefs met, in San Francisco in October, they discussed but could oot agree oo control of the entertainment company, which Matsushita bought in 1990 for \$6.1 billion.

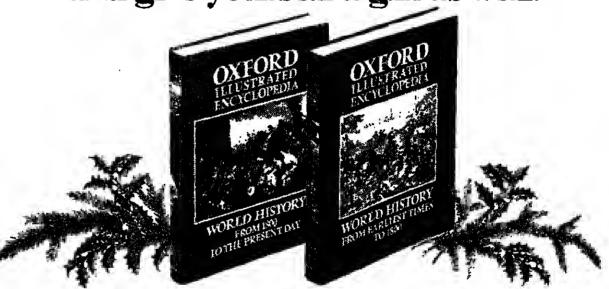
Chairman Lew Wasserman of MCA and President Sidney Sheinberg, according to published interviews, have been frustrated by what they say is Matsushita's refusal to allow them to take decisions necessary to keep pace with other entertainment companies such as Walt Disney Co. and Time

Warner Inc. Addressing speculation that Mr. Wasserman might have threatened in October to let his contract with MCA lapse if Matsushita did not make concessions, Christine Hanson, an MCA spokeswoman, said, "Mr. Wasserman has not yet signed a contract for 1996," but that had nothing to do with Wednesday's meeting.

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Big-Bucks America's Cup Rivals Take to the Sea

By Barbara Lloyd New York Times Service

SAN DIEGO - In less than 90 days, six America's Cup yachting syndicates will probably be packing their bags for home. Each will have spent as much as \$30 million to win a boat race that ends up as a pa-per chase in a sea of debits and

But that's what the America's Cup is all about. The 1995 elimination races are a gauntlet by any sporting standard. The Citizen Cup defenders trials are to hegin Thursday in San Diego: the Louis Vuitton Cup challengers trials begin Saturday.

By April 1, two challenge syndicates and two defense teams will be left to sail their respective finals. Once those winners are determined, vachting will have its international challenger and American defender to race one-on-one for the America's Cup beginning

May 6.
The bucks are higger now. and there is much more intensity in seeking perfection and trying to push the envelope," said John Bertrand, reflecting on the difference from when be won the America's Cup for Australia in 1983. "The environment of San Diego is certainly much lower key than Newport. Rhode Island, was, with its long traditions of the America's Cup. However, if you look at the professionalism now, it's many levels higher than in 1983."

The elimination trials have no mercy on the technologically impaired, or the psychological-ly vulnerable. When it comes right down to it, boat speed and a talented crew are what it takes to win. Good intentions, as it turns out, have not counted for much in the 144 years of Ameri-

ca's Cup history. If talent and experience were the only considerations, it would be easy to predict the final pairing for the cup series in May. The obvious matchup would be between the two stalwarts of a decade ago, Bertrand and the American skipper he defeated in 1983, Dennis Conner. Bertrand is 48 now, and Conner is 52. They are both eager for the kickoff of their 1995 campaigns in San Diego.

But the yachting landscape has changed since they last competed for the cup. The Australian victory in 1983 marked the end of a 132-year winning streak for the New York Yacht Club. And once the door swung open, other countries began oiling the hinges to keep it open with more expensive and elaborate challenges.

Indeed, the 1995 lineup is impressive. The three defenders include Conner's Stars & Stripes; America 3, the first allwomen's team in America's Cup racing, and PACT 95, a uton technically robust campaign based in Bangor. Maine.

But PACT 95 suffered a setback when a severe windstorm caused as much as \$400,000 worth of damage to its boat and compound along Mission Bay in San Diego. Still, the team

Among the seven challengers. Bertrand and his oneAustralia team have enlisted Rod Davis, a former New Zealand skipper and champion match-racer, as helmsman. And Syd Fischer. an America's Cup financier from Australia has been training regularly with Bertrand.

Chris Dickson, 33, a detercampaigns as an America's Cup a public forum. It was Dickson, skipper to his credit, leads the Kiwis' Tag Heuer Challenge.

world's No. 1-ranked matchracer, is sailing for Team New An international crew leads

Japan's Nippon Challenge, including Peter Gilmour of Aus-In the French camp. Marc

And Russell Coutts. the

come major calamities recently, including dockside damage to one of his new boats. And Pedro Campos, skipper of the new Spanish boat, sur-

America syndicate, has over-

prised skeptics in 1992 by making the semifinals. Some of the skippers are adversaries of the first order. Conner and Dickson, for example, mined New Zealander with two are seldom civil to cach other in

> relative upstart in the 1986-87 trial races in Australia, who nearly upset Conner's quest to bring back the America's Cup to the United States. "He's the dark horse this time," Conner said recently. "I have no reason to pump him up

But I have a lot of respect for

said it would be ready to begin sailing Friday.

Pajot, skipper of the France by Bruce Farr, and he's quietly sailing Friday.

America syndicate, has overput together a campaign of his put together a campaign of his

> Conner's victory over Dickson in the 1987 challengers trials allowed him to go on and defeat Australia's Kookaburra team in the cup match in Australia that year. The San Diego skipper then booked a firstclass seat on a commercial airline to bring the America's Cup trophy back home to a new base at the San Diego Yacht Club, where the cup has remained ever since.

The early days of trial racing this winter will serve mainly as practice for the teams. Conner calls it "exhibition" racing, as spring training is to baseball, or eason games are to the National Football League, "It since we've never gotten along. gives everyone experience, but it doesn't matter much if they him. He's got a boat designed win or lose," he said.

are awarded for each boat that wins a race. But as the competition progresses into the third and fourth rounds, winning a race is worth up to 7 points.

"The idea is to win the cup. not the January trials," said Kevin Mahaney, skipper for Young America, the PACT 95 boat. The 75-foot yacht, christened during a ceremony in San Diego despite the damage by the storm, will be easy to spot on the water. Its bull sports a lavish graphic of a mermaid painted by the American pop artist Roy Lichtenstein.

The PACT 95 yacht is the only boat the syndicate plans to huild. But other teams are coming into the trials with two \$4 million crast. A team can enter

The reason is largely because only one of its sailboats at a of a stingy scoring format in the time in the trials. And few of the beginning. Only 1 to 2 points teams are expected to show all teams are expected to show all they we got in the early days. They are likely to hold back on new sails or in putting the most advanced keels on their race

Team New Zealand aiready has both of its new sailboats in the water. In-house, the boats are known as Black Magic 1 and if because of their jet-black hulls. But New Zealand's rivals already are calling whichever of the boats they think is the slower by the name Black Beast, not to be confused, of course, with Black Beauty.

The New Zealand program differs from others, such as the Japanese, which is looking for sparring partners until its second new boat arrives in late

"We thought it necessary to have two new boats early on so that if we change one boat, we can keep the other one as a standard," said Peter Blake. founder and manager of Team New Zealand. "Sometimes the changes are quite large. If we had only one boat and went out sailing against the Japanese, we wouldn't learn a thing."

The America 3 team is waiting for its new sailboat, scheduled to arrive in February. But the women have had a training partner in Kanza, a boat of the same vintage as America 3. Both yachts were developed by Bill Koch for his successful defense of the America's Cup in

J. J. Isler of San Diego, one of five women selected for the America 3 afterguard, a yacht's tactical brain trust, said recently that having a slower boat for the early trials is apt to help in the long run.

"It's like the tennis players who use a heavier racket for training," she said. "That's when you learn the most when you have to get that extra speed out of an older boat."

UMass, No. 1 Again, Almost Loses Again

The Associated Press Getting the No. 1-ranking is

one thing, holding onto to it is more trouble.

For the second time this season. Massachusetts almost blew it. Only late rallies in regulation and in overtime enabled the top-ranked Minutemen to beat St. Bonaventure, 81-76, Tues-

We should not have won. We were very fortunate," said the Massachusetts coach, John

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS Calipari. "They wanted this ne more than we did. We just

had a little more depth." The Minutemen won for the first time as a No. 1 team. They held that ranking earlier this season after beating defending national champion Arkansas,

but immediately lost to Kansas. Marcus Camby scored 7 of his 28 points in overtime for Massachusetts (9-1, 1-0 Atlantic-10). The Minutemen had trailed by 64-59 with 2:47 left in regulation, and were down by 75-71 with 2:24 left in overtime.

"I thought it would be a good loss, a good lesson," Calipari said. "Then I slapped myself and said. There are no good

David Vanterpool had 25 for St. Bonaventure (6-7, 0-3). His 3-pointer with 5.2 seconds left in regulation tied it at 69 and sent the game to overtime.

No. 7 Kentucky 83, No. 15 Florida 67: Tony Delk and Ro-drick Rhodes both scored 17 points for the visiting Wildcats 9-2, 3-0), who led by 12 at halftime and started the second half with a 23-7 burst.

Dan Cross scored 21 points for Florida (7-4, 1-2). The Gators' center, Andrew DeClercq. did not play the last six minutes of the first half after getting his third foul.

No. 9 Maryland 70, Florida State 57: Joe Smith got 18 points and 18 rebounds for the visiting Terrapins (12-3, 2-1 At-lantic Coast Conference), who won despite having 14 shots blocked Freshman Corey Louis stopped nine shots for the Seminoles (6-5, 0-3).

No. 10 Georgetown 80, Seton . Hall 68: Freshman Allen Iverson scored 13 of his 15 points in the second half as the visiting Hoyas (10-1, 4-0 Big East) won their 10th straight. The Pirates (10-4, 1-3) closed to 64-61 with: 5½ minutes left, but Iverson led a 12-1 run for Georgetown.

SIDELINES

Romario's Transfer Still on Hold

BARCELONA (AFP) — Romario's move to Flamengo remained on hold Wednesday as FC Barcelona's waited for \$5 million to arrive from Brazil to pay the transfer fee.

Flamengo's president, Kleber Leite, accused the rival clubs. Vasco de Gama, Fluminense and Botafogo of putting pressure on

Brazilian companies not to help finance the transfer,

The Spanish federation banned Barcelona's Hristo Stoichkov for two games for violent play against Real Madrid last weekend.

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pean cities in April. (AP)
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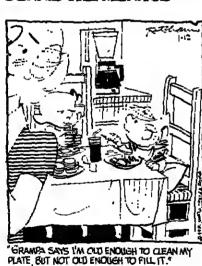
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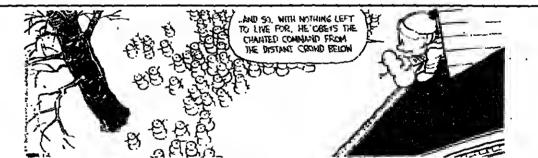








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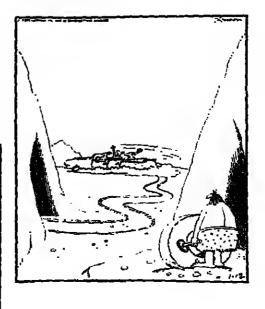
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Union Accepts NHL Offer, a Half-Season Appears Saved

Tennis's Vow For '95: Woo **Back the Fans**

By Robin Finn

New York Times Service
NEW YORK — While Pele Sampras seeks to tighten his stranglehold on the seeks to tighten his stranglehold on the pinnacle of men's tennis by reprising his 1994 Australian Open victory, and fends off the frightening apparition of a suddenly clean-cut Andre Agassi, Steffi Graf is already sidelined by injury and incapable of defending her sole Grand Slam crown of lest ways a predicament that has left has last year, a predicament that has left her No. I ranking vulnerable.

So begins this year's tennis soap opera Despite receiving several black eves for transgressions ranging from its nondemo-cratic modus operandi to its pre-ccupation with making cash cows of 14-year-old girls. tennis did not succumb to rumors of its impending demise in 1994.

Still, the sport has pledged to make itself, and its stars, more accessible in 1995, with both tours making a priority of courting fans rather than title sponsors. And the men's side, in particular, is even

looking into methods of slowing down the game so that it is once again discernible to the human eye.

As for a shifting cast of characters whose 1994 plot lines included a career rebirth (Agassi), an ill-fated hiatus into the drug culture (Jenniser Capriati) and two very disparate exits by two Czech-born hampions (Martina Navratilova went out with a bang, Ivan Lendl with a whimper), only Monica Seles managed to treat the sport as if it has ceased to exist.

Whether or not she'll make 1995 the year of her return — the paranoia that ensued from ber April 1993 stabbing has proven more crippling to the Seles family than the actual knife wound — remains a

So far, the women's game, which passed legislation against admitting 14-year-olds to its tour immediately after admitting 14year-old Martina Hingis and Venus Williams, has seemed to need ber more than she needs it.

As of April, Seles will have been absent from the WTA Tour for two years, a span that feels like forever and, when coupled with Capriati's truancy, has made for a Top Ten that is somewhat less than com-

In the attempt to be more "fan-friendly" in 1995, the ATP Tour players have made a \$1.5 million contribution to its Kids' Fund, a program to increase tennis's appeal and a \$1.2 million investment by the U.S. Tennis Association (a group anxions to play down its country-clubbish ways by putting up a credible public front) in the cunis Industry Association's drive to

popularize the sport among youngsters. Manufacturers are introducing starter racquets in the \$20 range, and anyone with a pair of baggy, wrinkled shorts and a baseball cap will fit the new streetwise

profile of a player. While grassroots support may have shriveled and nobody wore out enough graphite racquets to satisfy the appetite of the industry's merchandisers, it was business as usual at the elite level last year. where one didn't even need to finish No. 1 to make multimillions.

Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, who outslammed top-ranked Graf by capturing both the French and U.S. Opens, also outcarned her with a record intake of \$2,943,665. If she wins the Australian Open this month, Sanchez Vicario will become No. 1 in the world for the first time in her career.

And proving once again that the men's game has more money and more year-ending tournaments (thanks to the egodriven ITF/ATP Tour schism) than is healthy, 24th-ranked Magnus Larsson of Sweden took advantage of the redundant Grand Slam Cup to win \$1.5 million for a

single week's work. As usual, the players complained that



A new-shorn, and premature balding. Andre Agassi, was further clipped Wednesday by Australia's Patrick Rafter, 6-3, 6-2, in an exhibition match in Adelaide.

they played too much - a predicament that affected their Davis Cup commitments yet rarely put a damper on exhibition appearances - but there was never any whispering about going on strike.

Aside from the money, which somehow continues to flow into the pockets of the stars regardless of worries about disappearing sponsors and waning television ratings, there were a few high points, and high intrigues, last season.

As unbeatable as be is uncontroversial, Sampras proved his mettle by leading the ATP Tour with 10 titles and owning the No. 1 spot for the entire calendar year despite a summer of abstinence due to a stubborn ankle injury. The last man to dominate the rankings with such constan-cy was Lendl, who held the top ranking throughout 1987; the last man to capture 10 titles in a single season was Lendl in

The 23-year-old Sampras has traced his shin splints to a tennis adolescence pursued on California's bardcourts, the spawning ground that made trouble for Tracy Austin before him. The 25-year-old Graf, who has often said that playing in pain undermines her motivation to play at all, has had to search for alternatives to

"I'm too young for surgery," she said last week from her bome in Boca Raton, Florida, where a calf-muscle injury sustained on the practice court forced her withdrawal from the Australian Open. Graf did not mention the jeopardy her health problems have caused to her ranking, which appears destined to land on the

durable shoulders of Sánchez Vicario. Though the presence of Sampras at the top has ceased to excite, this year there is a novelty hot on his beels in the form of Agassi, the player who practices reincarnation on a yearly basis.

By year's end, he had reached a careerbest No. 2 in the world and even made a 1995 New Year's resolution to show up at the Australian Open for the first time.

All of that resurgence - Agassi's record of 14-5 against top 10 opponents was 1994's best — and philanthropy, too: He ended his season of discontent by making a \$1 million donation to the local Boys and Girls Clubs. Who could ask for anything

Navratilova played the final match of her 22-year singles career against Gabriela day in the season's last seven Sabatini in the opening round of the Virapioasnips in November. But the match that spelled the end for Navratilova could very well be the harbinger of a 1995 renaissance by the underhieving Sabatini.

Five days after she ousted Navratilova. Sabatini's moribund career took a turn for the better when she defeated 18-year-old Lindsay Davenport and finally ended what had occasionally appeared to be a career-threatening title drought that per-

sisted through 43 events. Graf predicted that Sabatini will be a renovated player in 1995: "It will probably change her confidence and her desire to get

back on the court," she said. It was two weeks earlier, in Philadelphia that Caprian reaffirmed that she can still be a world-class player after a reputationruining 12 months that included two appearances on the police blotter and two

stints in drug-rehab facilities. But her tennis rehab remains an unfinished task: Last week a case of flu mandated Capriati's withdrawal from her first 1995 event, in Sydney, and Wednesday it was announced the illness would keep her out of the Australian Open.

But Capriati has indicated that, in 1995 she wants to try to get her kicks from tennis, the sport whose season never seems to end and whose critics never seem to tire.

NEW YORK -- The players' union accepted Wednesday a contract offer made by the National Hockey League owners. ending a 103-day lockout and saving what would have been the first pro sports season

lost to a labor dispute.

"We're happy that hockey is hnpefully going be played very soon," the president of the NHL Players' Association, Mike Gartner, said in making the announcement outside the uninn's office in Turnntn.

The league's commissioner, Gary Bett-man, said he was "thrilled that this is over and we can it get behind us."

Gartner said a ratification vote un the

six-year agreement would be held among the union's approximately 700 members and that no practices would begin until ratification was complete.

The union's executive director. Bob Goodenow, and its executive committee have recommended that the players accept the agreement. They will vote on it by secret ballot over the next two days, Bett-

Bettman said the season would start late next week, probably with a 48-game season and lour full playoff rounds. The NHL normally plays an \$4-game schedule.

Negotiators have until noon Friday to finalize all the details of the contract, said Glenn Sather, the general manager of the Edmonton Oilers. Camps could not open until then, he said.

"We thought it was a good deal," said Bnb Corkum, the player representative for the Anaheim Mighty Ducks.

The agreement came a day after a marathon session in New York that involved proposals, counter-proposals and intense conference calls, with free agency the tast

major obstacle. "Are we happy about the scars that have been created for the game of hockey?" said Gartner. "Are we happy about Insing millions of dollars? Are we happy about the relations between owners and players has

been severely hindered? No, we're not happy about that. But we're happy that hockey is hopefully going

to he played very soon."

The tockout began over the owners' demand for a cap on the players' salaries but, in the end, free agency was by far the most

contentinus issue. The owners didn't want their players in become unrestricted free agents until after they turned 32 years of age. But the players wanted it at age 30. The contract the owners sent in players offered free agency at 32 in the first three years and at 31 in the last

Because either side has the right to scrap the agreement after the 1997-98 season, there might be only one year in which 31year-olds have complete freedom.

Other key components of the contract: • Three salary arbitration walkaways over each two-year period for players receiving awards of at least \$550,000. Clubs may use no more than two walkaways in any nne year.

• A draft for 19-year-olds, with 18-year-

 An \$850,000 salary cap for first-round draft picks, increasing annually.

olds having the option to get in. The agreement did not include any retroactive pay for the players, who have been

locked out since Oct. I.
"I still have mixed feelings." Corkum
said. "A lot of guys will be hurt. At the
same time something had to be done. We didn't think it was worth missing a season for it. We can live with it.

"I don't think that we compromised. It was the best deal that Bob Goodenow could get. And now we're playing hockey." After months of sometimes bitter negotiating, the owners had set a deadline of noon Tuesday for an agreement to be reached. That deadline went by amid fe-

verish contract talks between Bettman and Goodenow. The main negotiators met for more than 20 hours and fashioned an agreement that was presented to the league's board of governors on Tuesday. During the first of two conference calls

Tuesday, they owners voted down a proposal that Bettman and Goodenow had hammered out. In the second, they approved a more restrictive six-year contract, which was sent to the players Tuesday night as a take-it-or-leave-it offer.

Chargers Say They're Back in High Gear

By David Aldridge

Washington Post Service
SAN DIEGO — Have the San Diego Chargers righted themselves in time to go to Pittsburgh this weekend and beat the Steelers in the Ameri-can Football Conference championship game?

That is yet to be determined, of course. But in their come-from-behind, 22-21 victory over Miami, the Chargers did look more like the bunch that started the season 6-0 than the one that stumbled to a .500 record over the last 10 games.

Quarterback Stan Humphries, who's had thumb and elbow problems the last two months, looked healthy and strong of arm. The defense was opportunistic and the line pressured Miami's Dan Marino in the second bail.

Most importantly. San Diego got its running game going again. Big Natrone Means hadn't bad a 100-yard rushing weeks, but came through reer-high 139 yards. And the Chargers held the football for 22 minutes in the second half.

That kind of ball control was instrumental in their early season success.

"I don't think our confidence ever left us," Means said. "I think everybody else's confidence in us was tested a little the AFC West, but they did bit. But we know what kind of team we have. We know we can the Steelers here in the final two win games. We've had confidence in ourselves all year because we have great guys around us, and we're playing

for each other." The Chargers think there's been a bit too much protesting about how they finished the season. They lost back-to-back 37-34 loss in Jack Murphy Sta-games, to the Raiders and dium on Christmas Eve. Be-

beat the Jets in New York and weeks to get a first-round bye. "We had to do something

right to win those games," said their coach, Bobby Ross.

But the Chargers are well aware that the Steelers kept a lot of their starters out of the

49ers: Rain, Rain, Go Away

TEMPE, Arizona - The series of storms that dumped so much rain on Northern California drove the San Francisco 49ers to forsake their practice facility at Santa Clara, California. Then, in a development anticipated by Murphy's Law - which

The National Weather Service said the rain expected across the desert Wednesday was part of "the storm track responsible for moving a series of weather systems onto the California coast."

states that anything that can go wrong will - the storms followed

The 49ers had planned to stay in Santa Clara all week to prepare for Sunday's NFC championship game against the Dallas Cowboys. But their practice fields became waterlogged and, faced with an unrelenting rain, they flew to Tempe on Tuesday night to use the facilities of the Arizona Cardinals in a desert where the

chambers of commerce advertise 300 sunny days a year. The 49ers will practice here through Thursday before returning to Santa Clara. Although they might not get the sun tans they envisioned, Robert Wilt, a weather service meteorologist in Phoenix, said the weather should be better than what the 49ers left cause the Steelers had already ensured themselves of playing at home throughout the playoffs, the game was crucial only to the Chargers.

"I know that we're already heavy underdogs and probably very few people believe we can win," Ross said. "I believe we can win. And I believe our players believe they can win."

But the Chargers may be without one of their starters. defensive tackle Shawn Lee, He injured his left knee against the Dolphins and bad arthroscopic surgery. He's between questionable and doubtful for the Steelers, but important to a defense that has a streak of 28 consecutive games without allowing a 100-yard running day. That dates from the fifth game of the 1993 season, when Pittsburgh's Barry Foster ran for 110.

San Diego's offense also will have one of its biggest challenges of the season against Pittsburgh. The Chargers have pockets of youth - rookie guard Isaac Davis and second-Joe Cocozzo the midst of veterans such as center Courtney Hall and tackle Stan Brock. That line will have to be in concert with itself and its backs to handle the Steelers' blitz, when linebackers and defensive back come from all di-

Steelers Running, Too - Much Like a Bulldozer

By Gerald Eskenazi

New York Times Service

PITTSBURGH - Ron Erhardt's foothall career has taken funny bounces. He has gone from being the 60-year-old forgotten man on the staff of the New York Giants to becoming the wise old offensive coordinator of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The Steelers are the team with the best record in the American Conference and are favored to win the AFC championship ne against the San Diego Chargers on Sunday and advance to the Super Bowl. When Bill Cowher, who is 26 years

younger than his coordinator, hired Erhardt in 1992, his message was simple: "You've been in the playoffs. You've been in Super Bowls. The only thing I'm telling you is we want to run the football." And that's exactly what the Steelers did

in their 29-9 playoff victory over the Cleveland Browns. They held the hall for more than 42 minutes, and ran 51 times for 238 yards. Fifty-one rushes? The Browns didn't even have 51 plays. "We've got the top rushing affense in football," Erhardt said, "Our offense com-

mitted the fewest turnovers, only 17. In fact, that might be the lowest in NFL Erhardt, now 63, is proud - one might

have accomplished and his role in it. Not so long ago, it was very different for him.

Erbardt, remember, was the Giants' offeusive coordinator from 1982 to 1990, and a key figure in their Super Bowl seasons of 1986 and 1990. Earlier, he had been the head coach of the Patriots for three seasons, with 9-7 and 10-6 records that made the playoffs, before a final losing season

But when Bill Parcells suddenly quit as the Giants' coach and Ray Handley was elevated to the position, Handley decided to act as his own offensive coordinator. Erhardt was kept on, but he had no

major job except to scout the upcoming opposition on film. On game days, he was up in the box with the other coaches, but he was linked by phone only to the special teams' coach. When the 1991 season ended, so did his tenure with the Giants. Then Cowher gave him a new mission. "My philosophy is you pass to score

touchdowns but you run to win," Erhardt said. "We've got a mindset mentality to stay with the run, even if it doesn't work at first." With a line averaging almost 300 pounds

(136 kilograms), it will eventually. Especially with Barry Foster, with the 280pound tight end Eric Green, and with

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even say fiercely so - of what the Steelers quarterback Neil O'Donnell finally comfortable under Erhardt. O'Donnell came up under the coaching

of Chuck Noll and a smallish offensive line that specialized in trap blocking. Then he played under Joe Walton, the offensive coordinator who believed in a sophisticated, varied approach.

Now, there is Erhardt who keeps the

pressure off O'Donnell by rarely making him the focus of the attack. The Steelers ran 546 times this season and threw only 370. In more than 900 plays, they were intercepted only nine times and fumbled away the ball eight times. The only conference team remotely close to Pittshurgh in not turning over the ball is San Diego, which lost it 23 times.

Numbers like these have given Erhardt a sort of celebrity status in Pittsburgh, which prizes down-and-dirty football.

And if the AFC is to win its first Super

Bowl in 11 years, it will take a mistake-proof offense, something like today's Steelers - or the Giants of some years back. Asked what he learned about himself during his year in limbo under Handley,

Erhardt said: "There are things you can't control. I didn't lose confidence in myself. You've gone to a playoff in New England. You go to Super Bowls with the Giants. You say to yourself, 'Don't give up.'

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Good News for Surgeons

can't blast a hole through somebody the size of the Lincoln Tunnel. According 10 officials of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, who tested the ammunition, the Rhino could do no more damage than

an ordinary bullet which can make a hole the size of a football hel-

Dr. Fredric Rosenthal, an emergency room surgeon was very re-

told me that he Buchwald lieved at the

news that the Rhino was incapable of blowing away an entire human being in one bang, but he was disappointed that BATF was not convinced that the ammuoition could do enough damage to rate the victim a 12-

hour operatioo. He told me: "Everyone got so excited about the bullet because the invector said that it could

Joyce's 'Ulysses' Now in Chinese

The Associated Press

BELIING - People in China can now read James Joyce's classic "Ulysses" in their own lan-guage, 72 years after the original was published in English.

Xiao Qian, an 85-year-old writer, and his wife, Wen Ruojie, took five years to translate the stream-of-consciousness novel, which is full of obscure references, complex puns and ribald jokes. Joyce spent seven years writing the book.

The translation includes 6,000 footnotes to help readers understand the work, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

WASHINGTON — The good news for surgeons is that the Black Rhino bullet was a dream come true for American gun lovers. The Rhino was touted as ammunition that could sail through a bulletproof yest and hit a school bus in the next county at the same

> Dr. Rosenthal said: "This the kind of talk we doctors don't like to bear. If it's true it would require a lot more blood than a .44 magnum wound and io-crease the cost of hospital care by 50 percent."

'I understood that the Rhino armor-penetrating bullet was developed for law enforcement

people only," I told him.
"So is every bullet on the market. It's amazing how much of today's ammunition winds up in the hands of surly people who are not in the law enforcement business."

Doctor, are you one of those bleeding hearts who is against the development of new bullets to improve target-shooting and hunting skills?

Rosenthal said: "Let me read you something. These were 10ys cited as dangerous by the Consumer Product Safety Commis-sion in 1994: High-back toddler swing; Thunderbat, ooisemaking toy bat; Surprise Party Time Balls, which contain small capsules that look like drug capsules; Good Vibes infant carriers, whose handles might break; and toddler beds with bad guard rails. By law those items had to be fixed before they could be sold."

"So what bas that got to do with a Black Rhino bullet?" I

"Nothing, And that seems to be the problem, Toymakers are liable for anything that they manufacture, but bullet makers can peddle any kind of ammunition they want to even if it

Henri Salvador and the Easy Life, Ha-Ha

By Mike Zwerin
International Herald Tribune

PARIS - Henri Salvador's thoughts, which, a colleague once remarked, are neither down nor deep, tend to segue into ellipses, tic-like hearty ha-ha's and admiring surveys of passing female objects. Accuse him of being a dirty old man and he agrees:
"Yeah, yeah! That's what I am." You
can almost make out a "whoopee!" in a balloon above his head.

Ask how come he looks so good at the age of 77 and he flicks his tongue. "I sleep a lot. Ha-ha. I do a lot of yoga. Mon Dieu! What a great looking

We are in the Ritz Hotel bar, his local. He lives next door on Place Ven-dome. There is a recording studio in his apartment. No, it's oot expensive. "I've depreciated myself there for many years." A barfly stops for an autograph. "Would you like it in French or English?" he asks hefore signing. We can guess by now that we are oot going to get straight answers in any language but let's give it a shot anyway. "Are you a performer, a singer, a

comedian or what?"
"I'm a 'what'! That's what I am. Ha-ha. All of them. I know how to do

everything. For me everything has been easy. Composer, arranger, gui-tarist, singer, comic — I do it all. But altogether they are my violon d'Ingres, how do you say it? My bohby. I always amuse myself."

"Do you ever have stage fright?" "Never. My friend Jacques Brel, be used to vomit before he performed. Throw up. I told him, 'Look, you know the songs. The lights are ready. The sound is balanced. The musicians have rehearsed. And in the hall there is only love. The people are there because they love you. Are you afraid of love?"

After admiring a pair of objects, be continues: "No. I'm not d'accord. It was cinema. Brel was playing a number. The best moment for an artist is io front of his public."

The recent publication of his memoirs, "Attentioo Ma Vie" (Lattes), and the simultaneous release of his latest album, "Monsieur Henri" (Tristar), is coincideotal, he says. Publishers have been after him for years. A writerfriend collaborated on the book, af-



"Composer, arranger, guitarist, singer, comic - I do it all."

though Salvador is far from embar-

"Everybody told me that the most moving chapters were about my wife and my mother. Those are the only two I wrote myself." The record was cut "in the best studio in New York with the best musicians in New York. It's a blues record. Americans do that better than anybody."

"The American people are very generous" - he pauses for his eye to wander - "except with foreigners." Henri Salvador, a household name in France, means next to nothing in North America. He will not sing in English because "I am a perfectionist and my English is very, very bad. In Europe the hit parade is all American. Not until Number 20 do you find a local oumber. The Americans are killing our folkiore. That's not nice. Hollywood film scores sound like secondrate Ravel. Americans do not admit being influenced by foreigners. The French recognize great American musicians - I was influenced most of all by Fred Astaire - but Americans do not recognize ours. They are imperialists. Otherwise, I adore that country." He was born in French Guiana. His father, a tax collector of Spanish origin, "took their money. Ha-ha, Unfortunately he did not teach me how to take mooey. I had to make my own. Fortunately I made a lot. My mother was from Guadeloupe. She had a beautiful voice. I inherited that"

He first heard Duke Ellington on "the family phonograph" at the age of 11 and came to France two years later. His first public performance, singing and playing the guitar, was in Bou-logne-sur-Mer. "Horrible place, I made love for the first time there. I was 14. Caught something, you know. That could only happen to me. Ha-ha." He played with the fine black

American violinist. Eddie South. right here in the Ritz. The Duke of Windsor was a client. I've never had tough times. I've never had a day gig. Always made my living as an entertainer. It just gets better. You know why? I'm the best!"

In 1939, aged 22, he left to tour South America with the French bandleader Ray Ventura. "Pure luck, The war had already started. When Ventnra asked me to go he hadn't even finished the question and I said yes. Ventura was Jewish. But when he went to Vichy for the exit visas, Laval gave them to him personally. I don't know if he paid or what. So I was saved by Pierre Laval, Amazing, I stayed in Brazil after the band came home and I was a big star there. I began to fly with my own wings."

Leading his own band and hosting television and theatrical variety shows, he became the darling of the tout Paris littéraire. He co-starred in an operetta with Yves Montand at the Alhambra in Paris, 10 1956, he appeared on the Ed Sullivan show and headed a bill for two weeks at the Empire Room of the Waldorf Astoria. (One New York critic nicknamed him "the fireball.") His recording "Zorro est arrivé" was hig here. Quincy Jones (then working for Barclay Records) and Boris Vian collaborated on his hit record "Blues du dentiste." His Freoch version of "The Aristocats" for Walt Disney (recorded in his studio on Place Vendôme) won a prize, and he translated and sang "Snow White and the Seveo Dwarfs."

There is a conspiratorial wink. "1 promoted Disney films and myself at the same time. We both were winners. Everybody was happy. In this business you have to reach to the elite and the masses too. But after 10 years I got sick of writing oot so intellectual songs."

Why, with success on so many levels (everybody loves Henri Salvador), hasn't he made movies? He pats his tan-complexioned face ruefully: Here racism is refined. In America it's 'Get out, negre,' Here there's a tres gentil bonjour, and then they kick you out. There is tacit polite segregation. It may not be violent like in America, they woo't hurn any crosses, but they mock you. They treat you like a cute little monkey who looks and acts almost like a buman being.

"Anyway, making movies is hard work. I've been around too long to work that hard. I'm too successful. I'm starring at the Casino de Paris in November. Until then I'm just going to play boules in the Bois de Boulogne and look at the broads. Great broads

PEOPLE

The Glamorous Women With Milk Mustaches

The models Christie Brinkley, Iman and Naomi Campbell and the acress Lauren Bacali will appear with milk mustaches in a milk marketing campaign. The campaign, in women's maga-zines, will include about 20 prominent womeo photo-graphed with milk mustaches by Amie Leibowitz.

Maureen Dowd, a member of the Washington bureau of The New York Times, has been appointed an Op-Ed page columnist for The Times. She will move to the post around mid-

Candles left burning on a shrine to Elvis Presley were being blamed for a fire that caused about \$250,000 m damage at Pearl's Oyster Bar, a popular Austin, Texas, nightspot. The altar, decorated with candles. newspaper clippiogs, photographs, a doughnut and a bottle of bourbon, was erected in honor of the King's 60th birthday.

Lawrence Engleburger, secre-tary of state during the administration of George Bush, was awarded an honorary krught-hood by Britain for services to diplomacy and the North Atlan-tic Treaty Organization. Sir Robin Renwick, the British ambassador to the United States, made the presentation at a Washington dinner

Former President Jimmy Carter and King Juan Carlos 1 of Spain are sharing Uoesco's annual peace prize. Carter recently helped negotiate a cease-fire in Bosnia. He received the prize, named in booor of Felical Houphouet-Boigny, the late president of Ivory Coast, with Juan Carlos, who was cited for his role in promoting democracy and upholding minority rights in Spain. The two will split the 800,000 francs (\$150,000) in prize money.

WEATHER

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